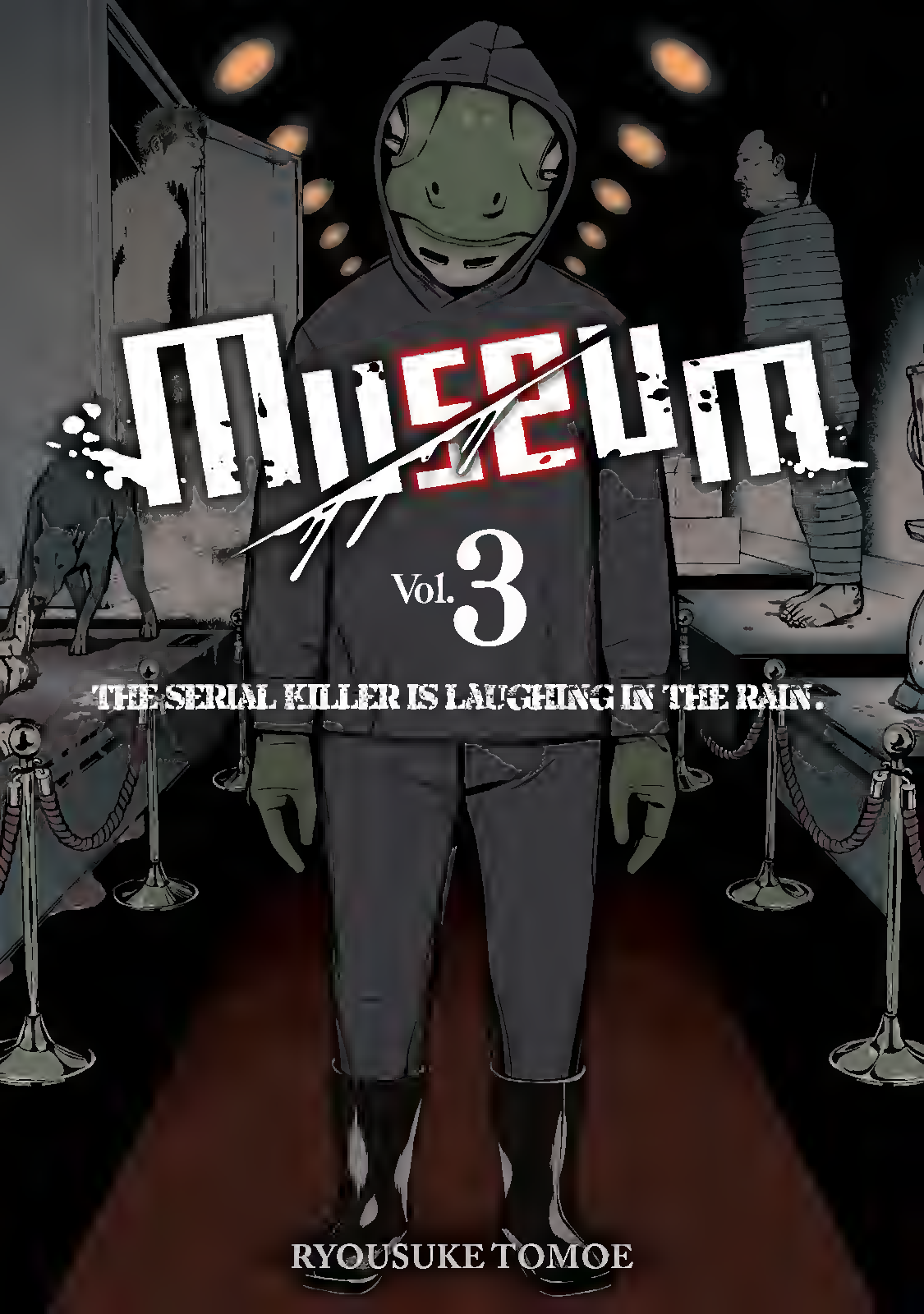
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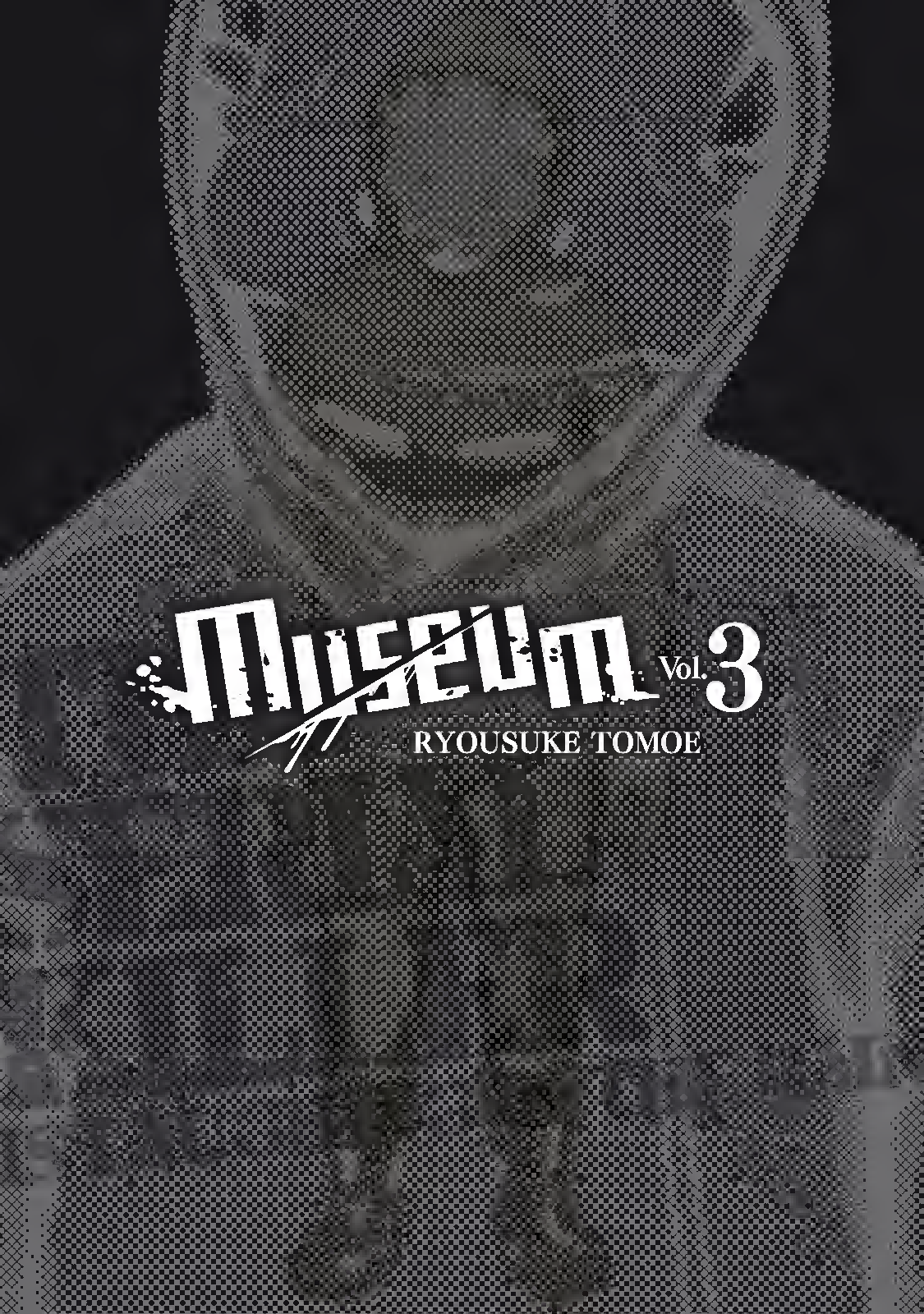
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TRAGIC MEMORY OF THOSE WHO WERE PUNISHED...

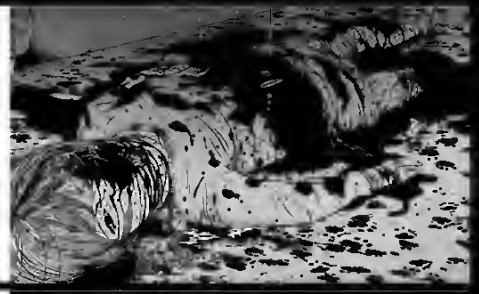
Art piece murder. 1

PUNISHMENT

Dog Food.

(Victim) Lay Judge **Akemi Uehara (26)**

● **Everything started from this act of "Vigilantism"...!!** One morning in June, Detective Sawamura was called out to look at a "abnormal case" . What he saw was a horrific slaughter scene. With plans to move in with her boyfriend, a woman was forced to let go of her dog. The woman was locked up in an abandoned building. Afrer being chained, three starving large dogs were let loose. The woman was found eaten to death by the dogs.



Art piece murder. 2

PUNISHMENT

Know Your Mother's Pain.

(Victim) Lay Judge **Yuichi Tsutsumi (28)**

● **The second punishment mocks Sawamura and the police force...!!** Around the same time the woman of the "Punishmenr: Dog Food" was found, there was a house invasion. Under the rainy sky, a man with a frog mask had forced his way into the home of an unemployed hermit young man. The frog mask man shot a stun gun and kidnaped the young man. The punishment on the left was carried out. The young man was killed by having his body parts cut off with a hacksaw until the total weight reached 3280 grams.

Art piece murder. 3

PUNISHMENT

Love Split Evenly.

(Victim) Lay Judge **Tsutomu Koizumi (44)**

● **The horrific "common denominator" of the six vigilante cases!!** Four months ago, the lay judges of the "Girl in Resin" murder case reached the verdict that the defendent Shigeru Ohashi was guilty and sentenced his to death. Now it is revealed that the six lay judges are being targeted and murdered. Right then, a missing, and unfaithful judge was found dead. His body has cut in half. Each half was sent to the wife and lover!!

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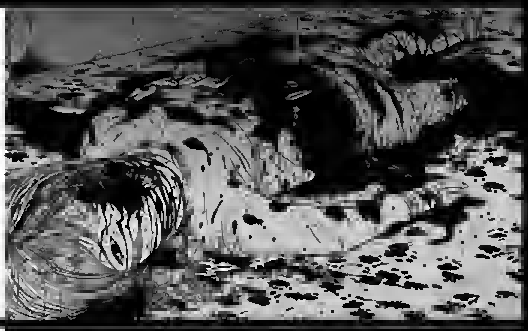

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Art piece murder. 5

PUNISHMENT

Stick a Needle in Your Mouth.

(Victim) Lay Judge **Tsunehiko Maya (39)**

●Frogman vs. Sawamura, the chase in the rain heats up!! Haruka and Shota Sawamura were staying with her friend, Sawamura's work to catch up to them goes to waste when they are captured by the Frogman…Meanwhile, the corps of the self proclaimed fortune teller is found in the most bizarre way. Countless thumbtacks were shoved into his mouth and he had died of suffocation…!

The extra murder. 6

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The extra murder. 9

(Victim) Girl in Resin Murder case's victim

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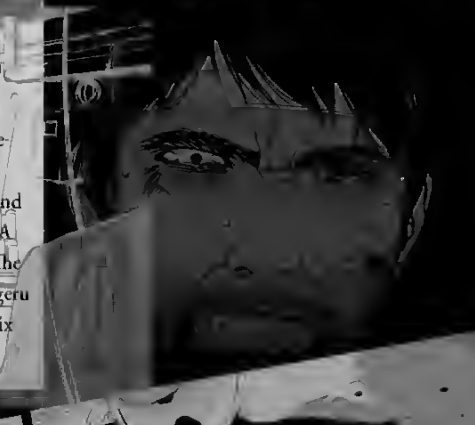

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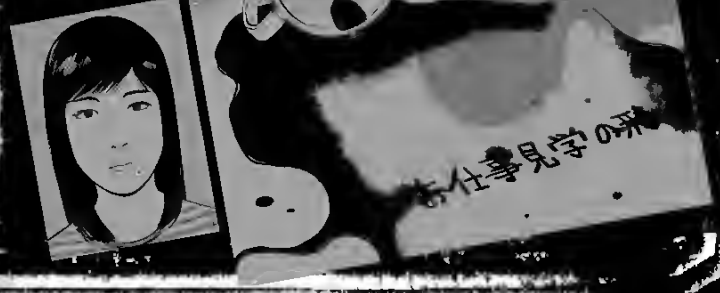

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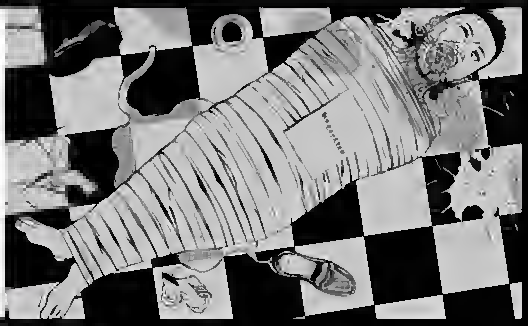

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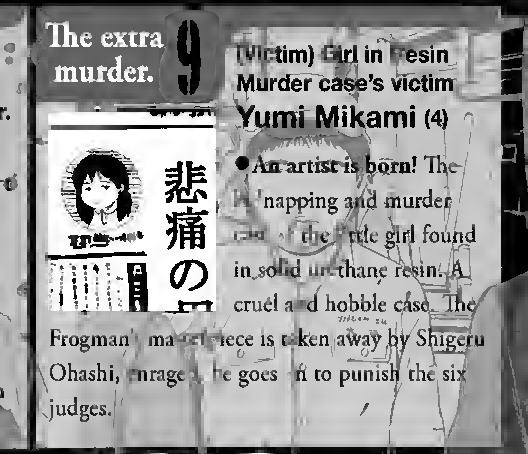

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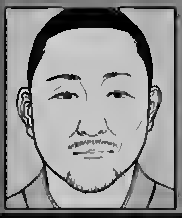

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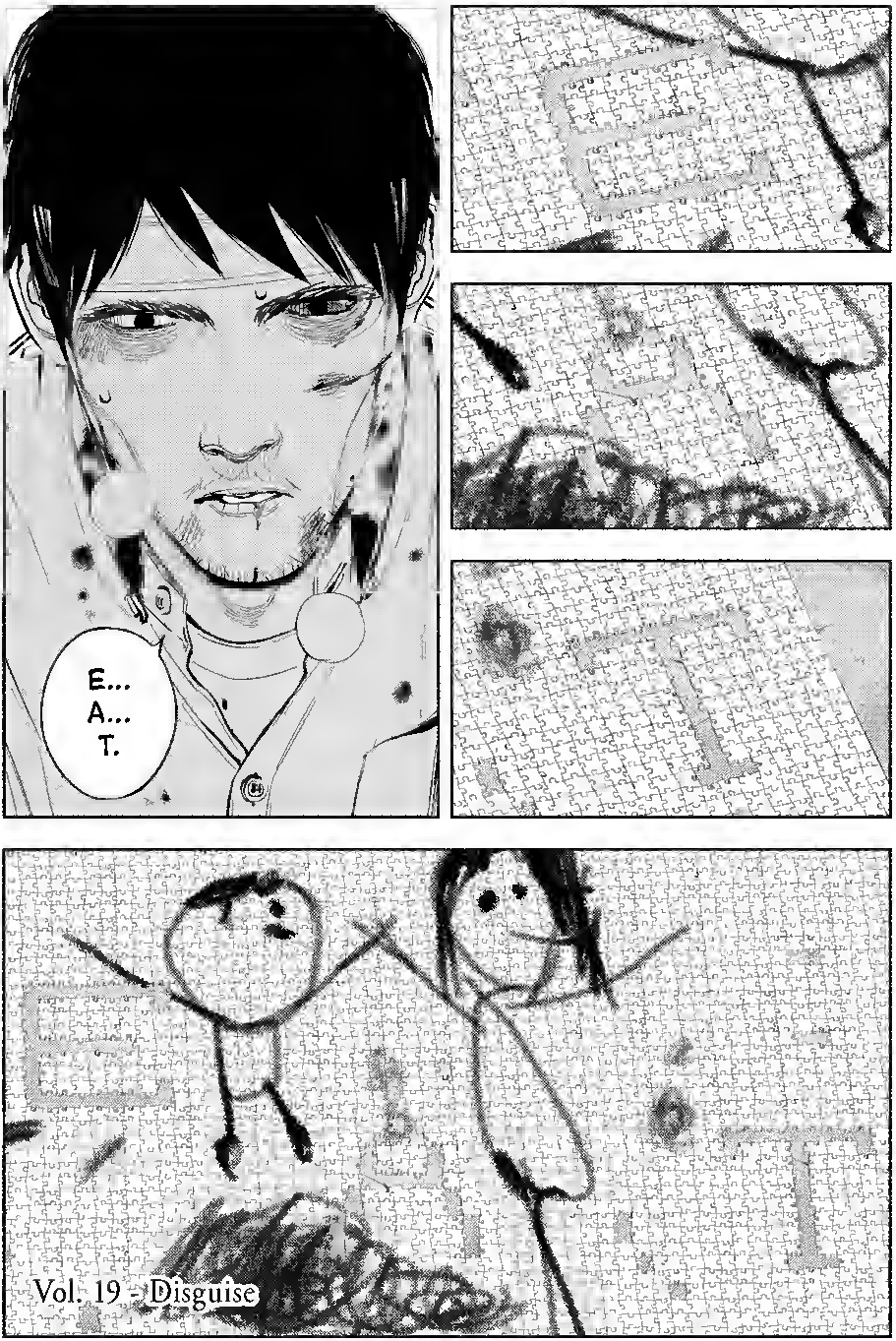
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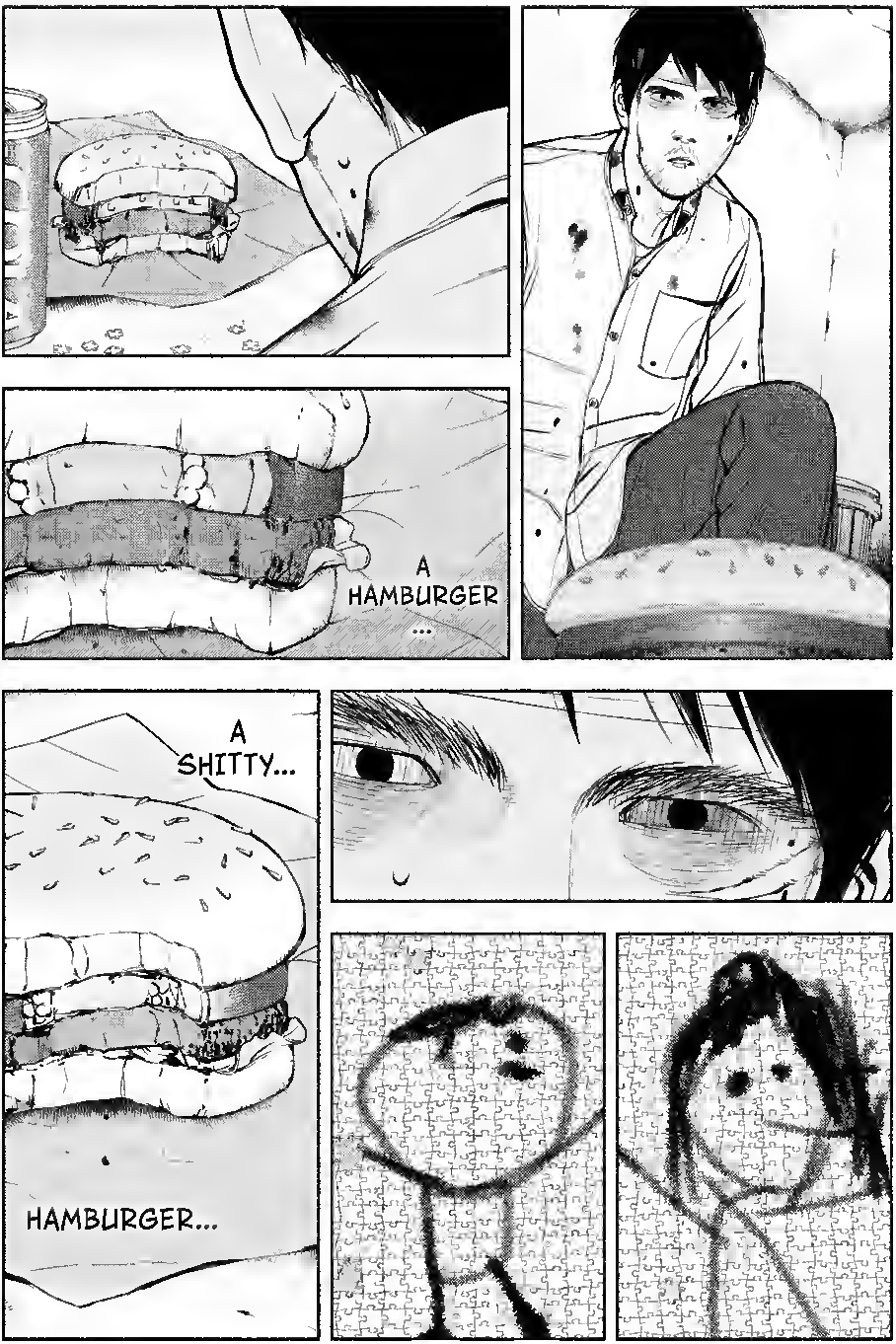
This...
...is the password ...?

Eat...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A SHITTY... HAMBURGER...

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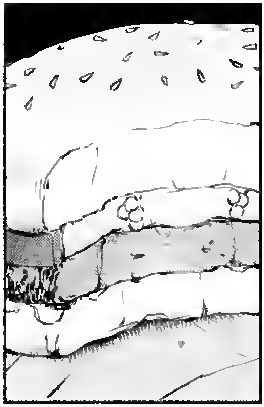

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Come on, cut it out...
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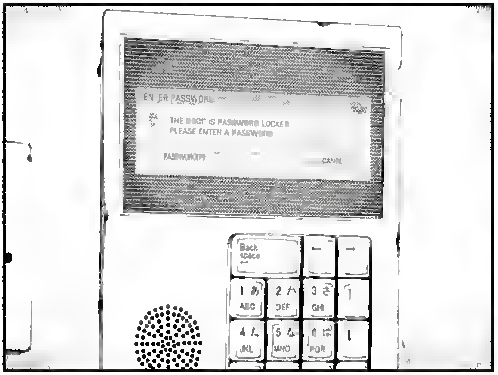
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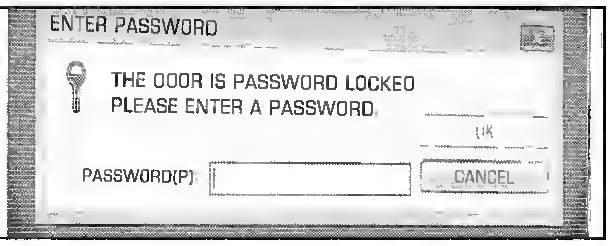
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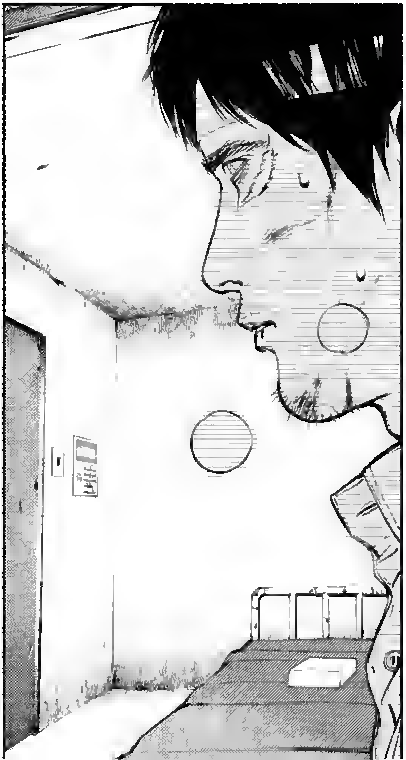

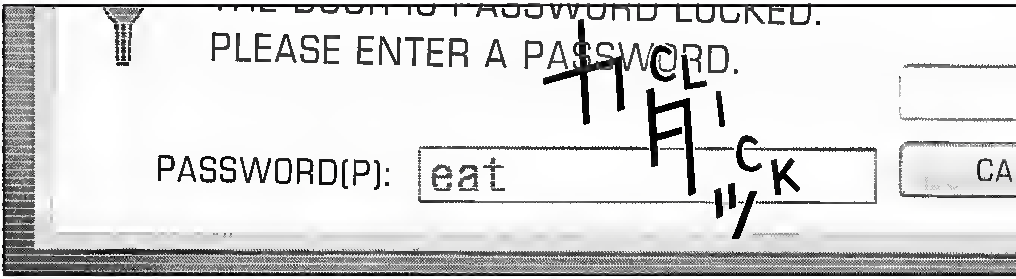
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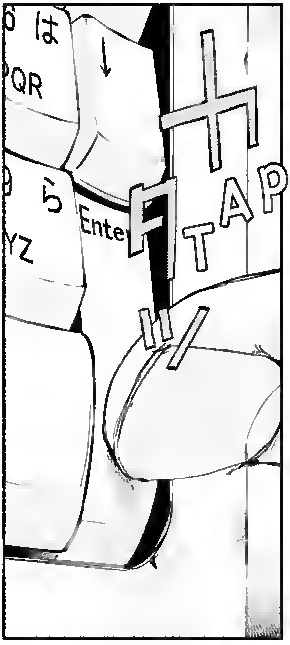
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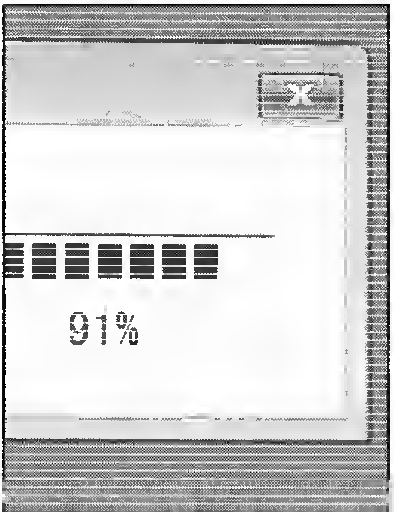
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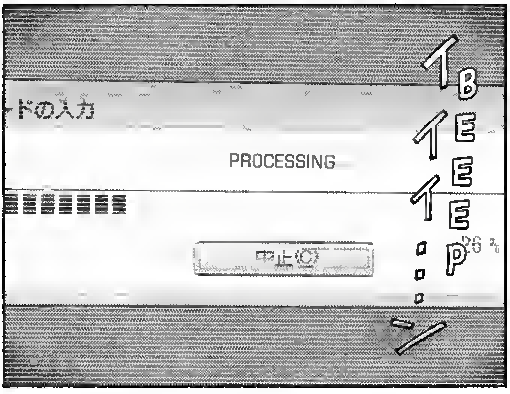
PROCESSING
中止(C)
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O NOT SHOW THIS MESSAGE
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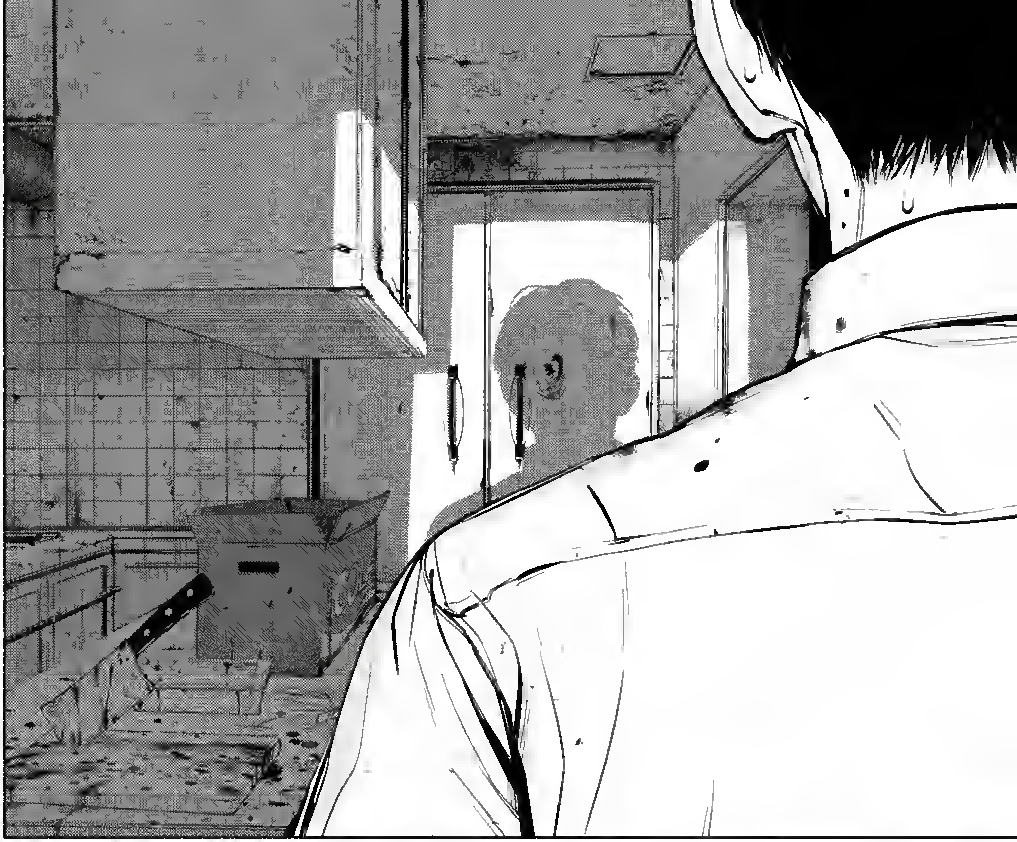

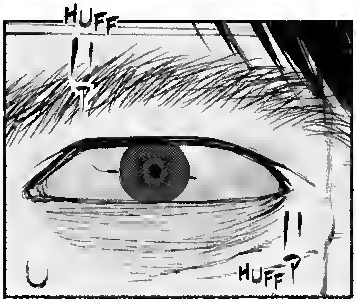
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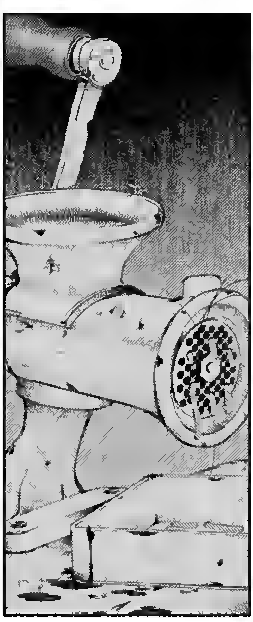

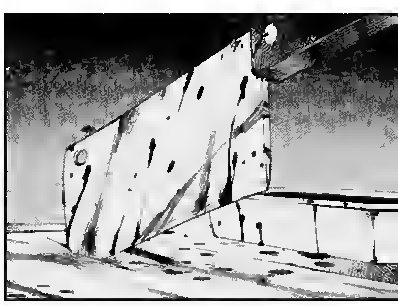

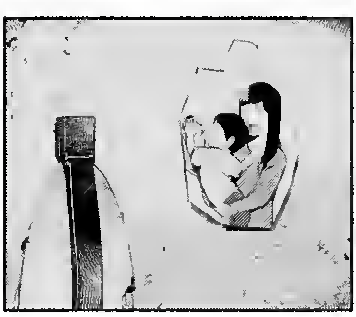

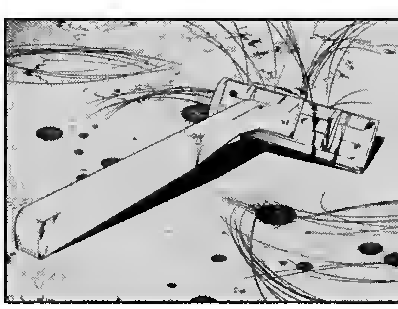

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KA-CHAK
PLEASE.
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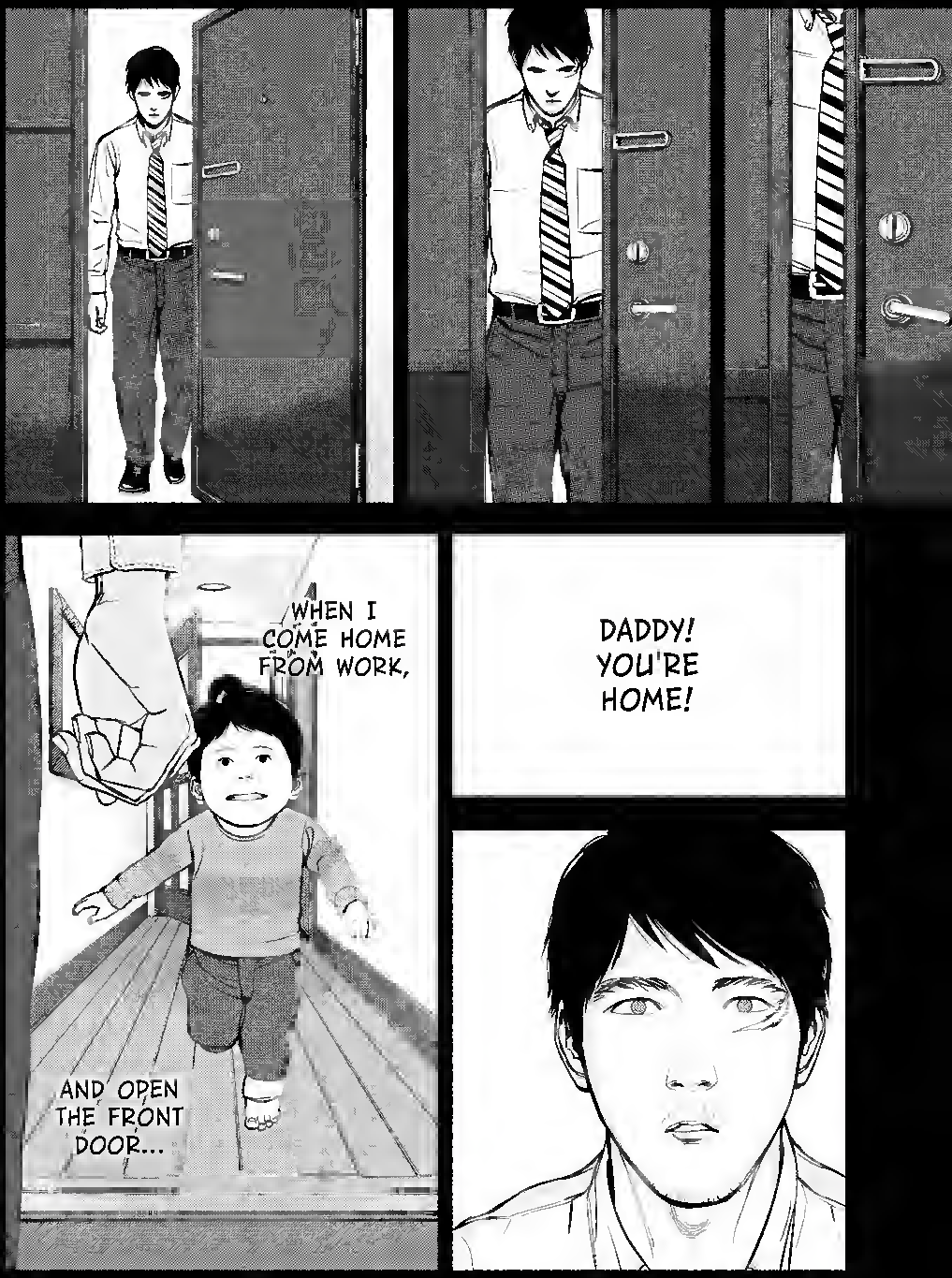
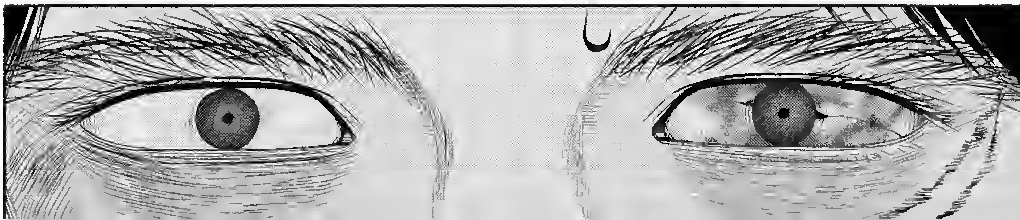

WHEN I COME HOME FROM WORK,
AND OPEN THE FRONT DOOR...
DADDY! YOU'RE HOME!

OUT OF THE BLUE, THEY'VE COME BACK.
THERE YOU ARE, DEAR... WELCOME BACK.
I'VE PICTURED THAT DAY...
OVER AND OVER...
AND WE CAN START LIVING OUR LIVES AGAIN.



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Aah...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Ah...

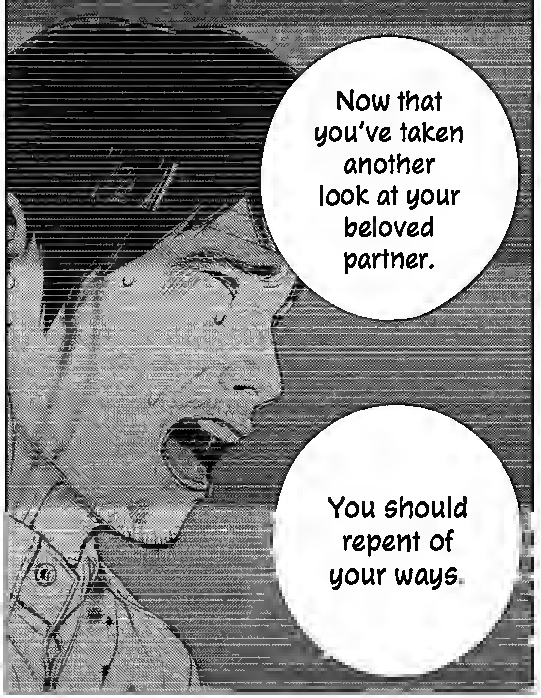
AAAAUGHH!

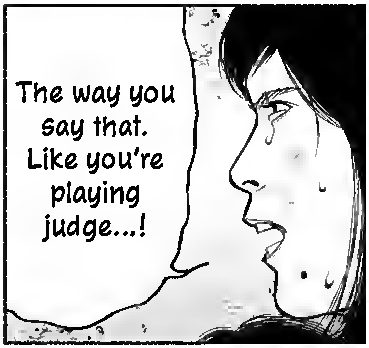
AAAAGH!

What did you do to my husband?

CLANK
カチャッ
AAAH!
Why is he screaming ?!
What are you talking about?!
...
Answer my question!
It's quite elaborate... He'll never know the difference.

It's okay, Shouta! Mummy's with you...
Waaah!
Guilty...
Your husband works tirelessly around the clock.
Dutifully making a living. And you abandoned him.
You are guilty...


Now that you've taken another look at your beloved partner.
You should repent of your ways.


The way you say that. Like you're playing judge...!

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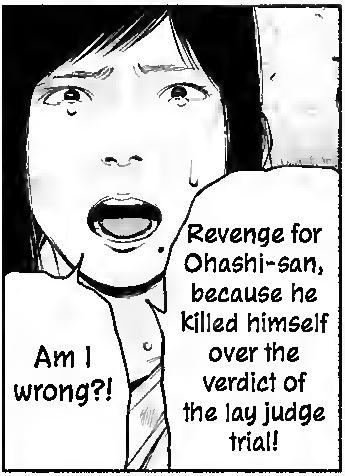
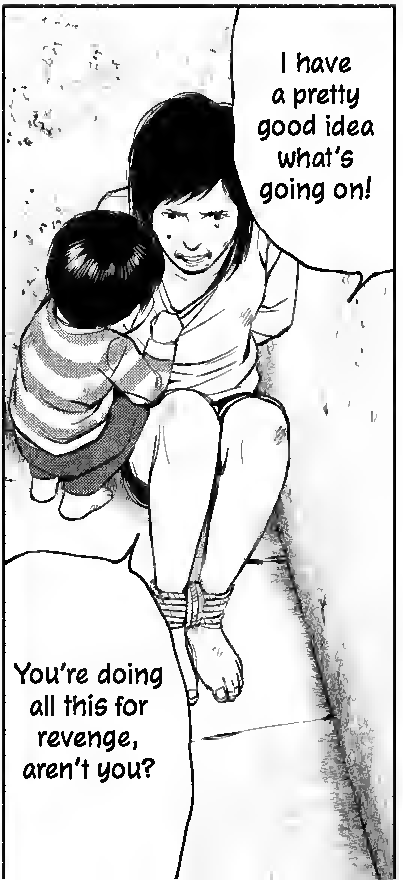
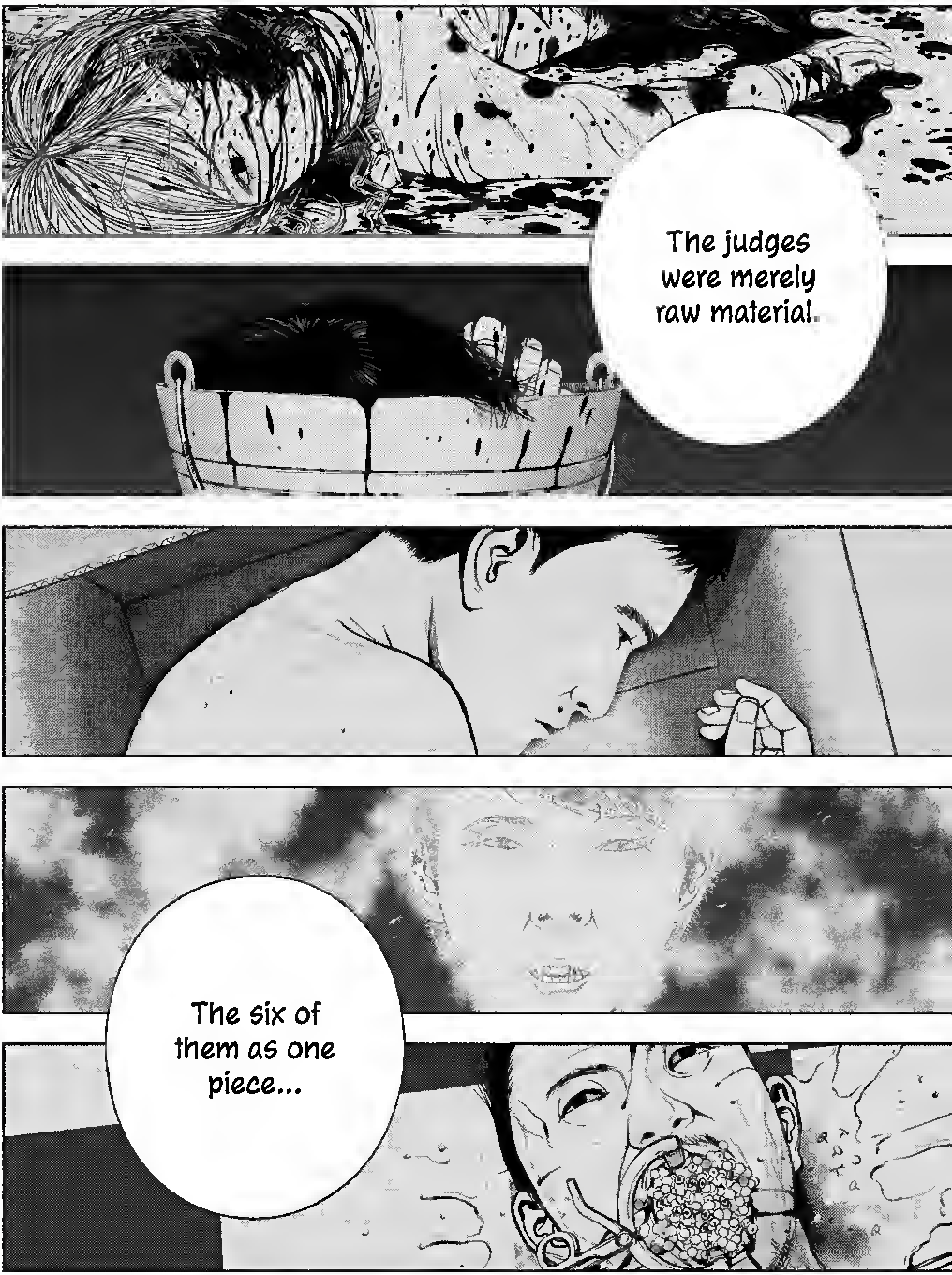

Revenge for Ohashi-san, because he killed himself over the verdict of the lay judge trial!
Am I wrong?!


I have a pretty good idea what's going on!
You're doing all this for revenge, aren't you?


The judges were merely raw material.
The six of them as one piece...

UNNNGH...
...?!
And it's finally complete.

Vol. 19 - Disguise – END

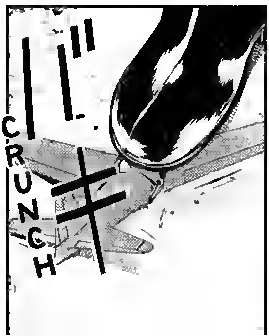
Another piece for my museum.
Vol. 20 - Emesis

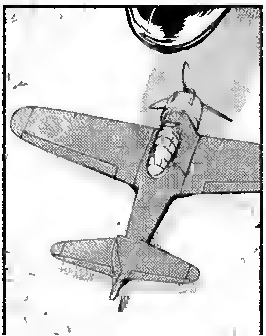
ㅠㅠㅠ…
RUMMAGE
ゴソ
What do you mean?
I don't understand a word you're saying!

SHING
For eternity...
I'll lock them up... both the boy and his daddy.

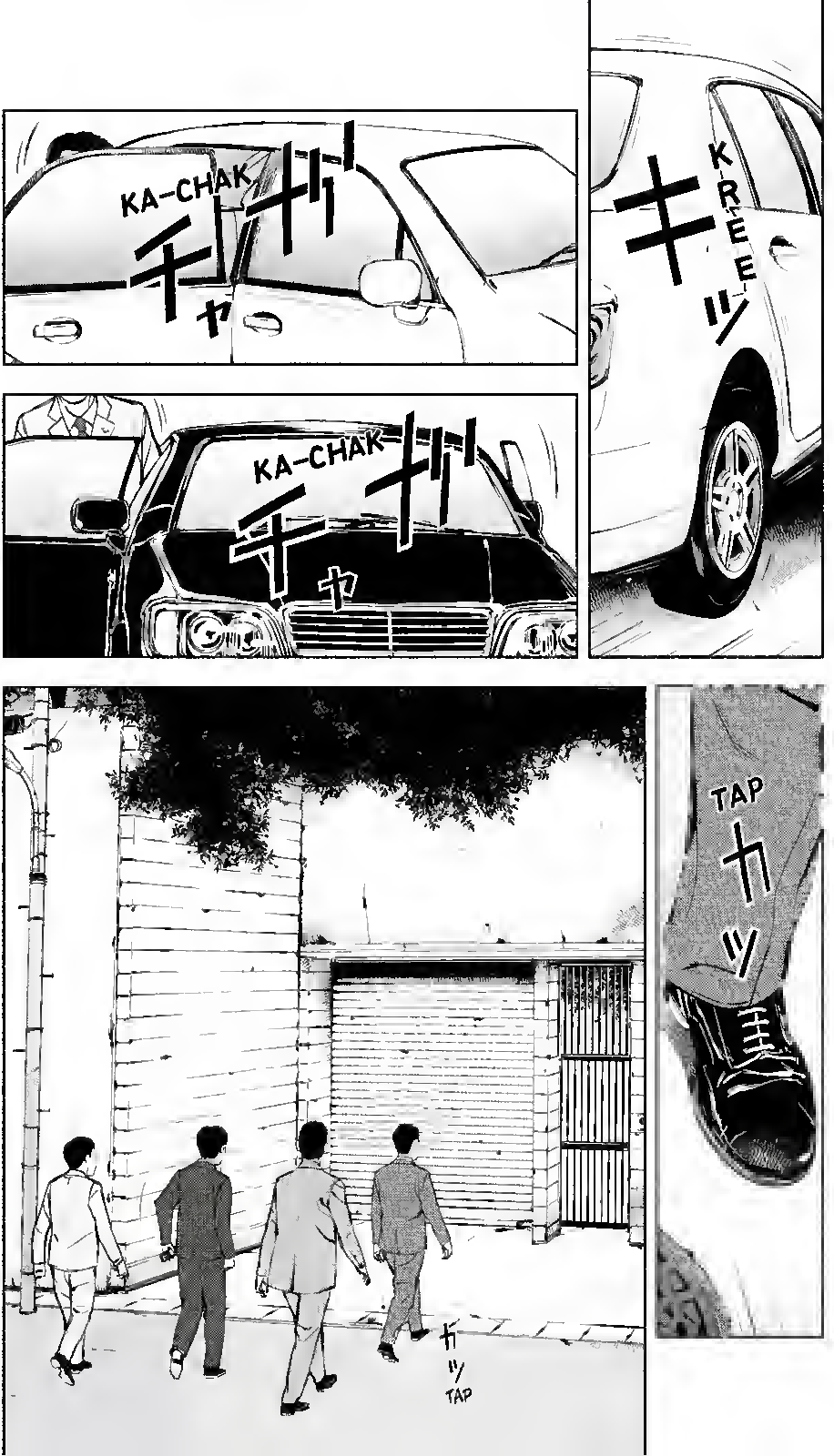
Wait, please...!
Please, don't come near us!

O-oh God!
Stop this! What are you trying to do?!


CRUNCH



So please! Leave my husband and child be!
I'm begging you!
uwa- aah!
TUMP
I—I... I'll listen to whatever you say. I'll behave! S-so...
Wait-! Listen to me!
I'm the one you hate, right?! I don't care what happens to me!
TUMP
Just don't harm my family!


KA-CHAK
チャ
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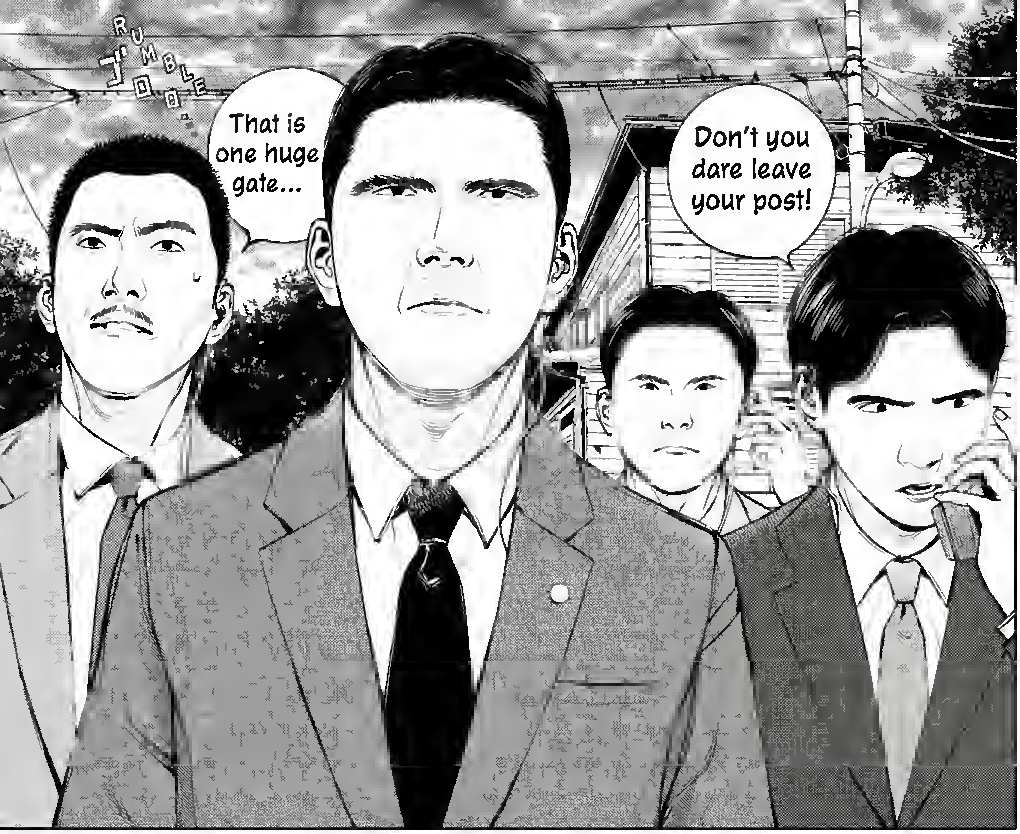
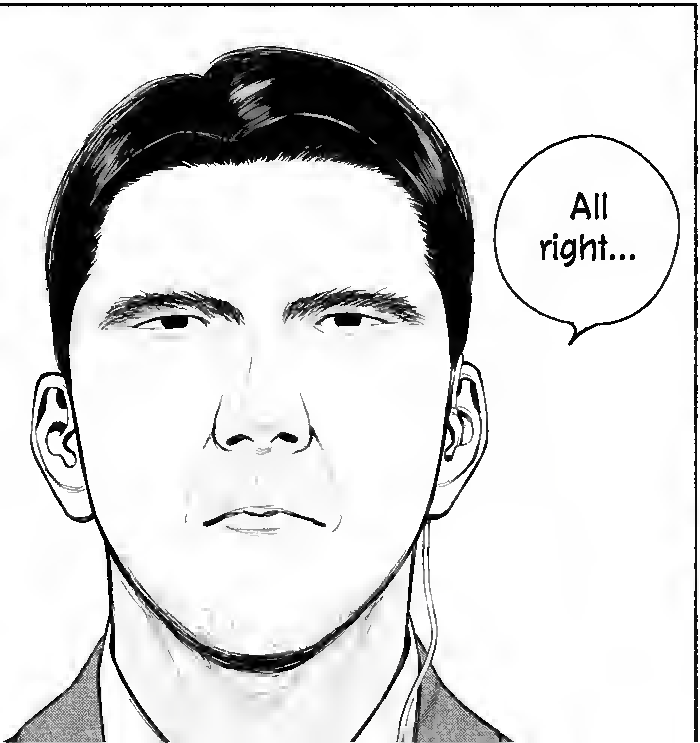
KREE
キー
TAP
カツ
TAP
カツ


RUMBLE JOG.
That is one huge gate...
Don't you dare leave your post!


All right...

Roger!

霧島
KIRISHIMA

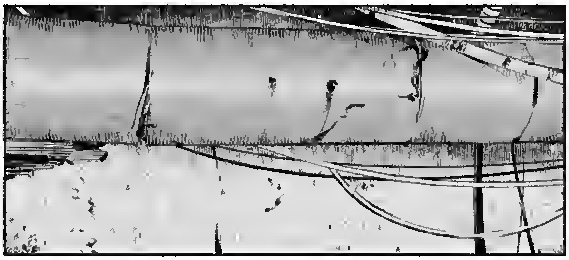
What should we do? Should we try calling him out?
RATTLE
RATTLE
...Shit.
Guess it won't open from the outside.
No. It wouldn't do us any favors to tip our hand.

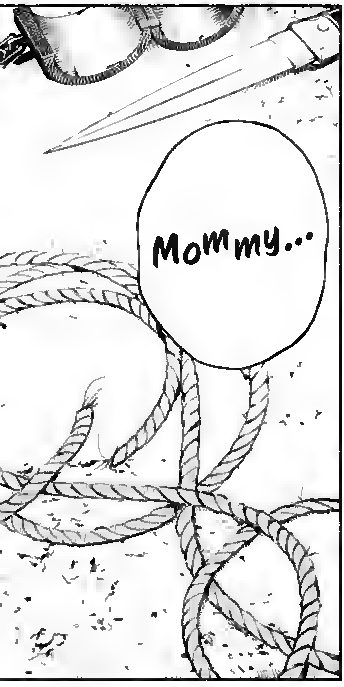
Sir!
Ishii...
SPLASH
GORUMBLE GORO...

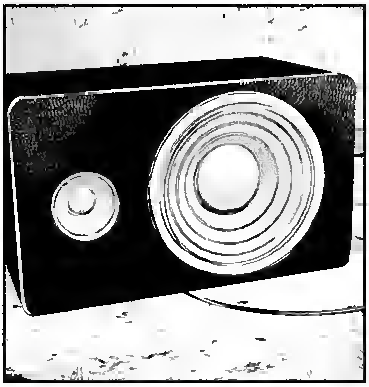
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
SNAP
RUSTLE

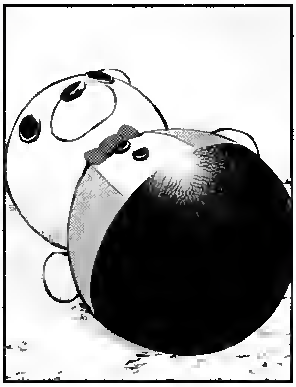
Mommy...

FSSHHH




Mommy...





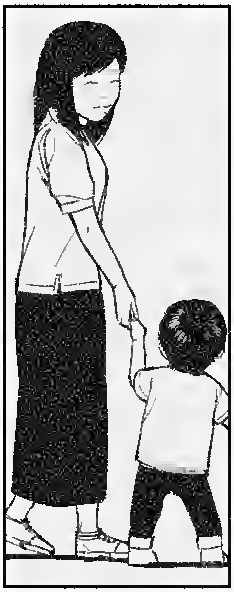
UNNGH...

Mommy... come baaack!
Come baaack!
Holy shit...
FSSHHH

Tokyo Chuo Medical Center & Hospital
Allergy Ward
Mikio Sakai
Report to HQ. We've located Mikio Sakai's body!
It's the doctor Sawamura contacted.

Let's search inside.
SLIP
スイッ
Stay focused
CREEP

Hnnngh...



*Namamugi Tarou

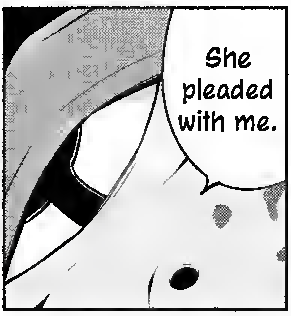
Gugh!
BLEEEEGH!
SPLAT
SPLAT

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TAP
ピタ！

Come on, man. Eating to build stamina is part of the job, you know...

Even after a sight like that, you could at least wolf down a hamburger.

"Please spare my son at least!" she said...


She pleaded with me.

So I suffocated the boy first.

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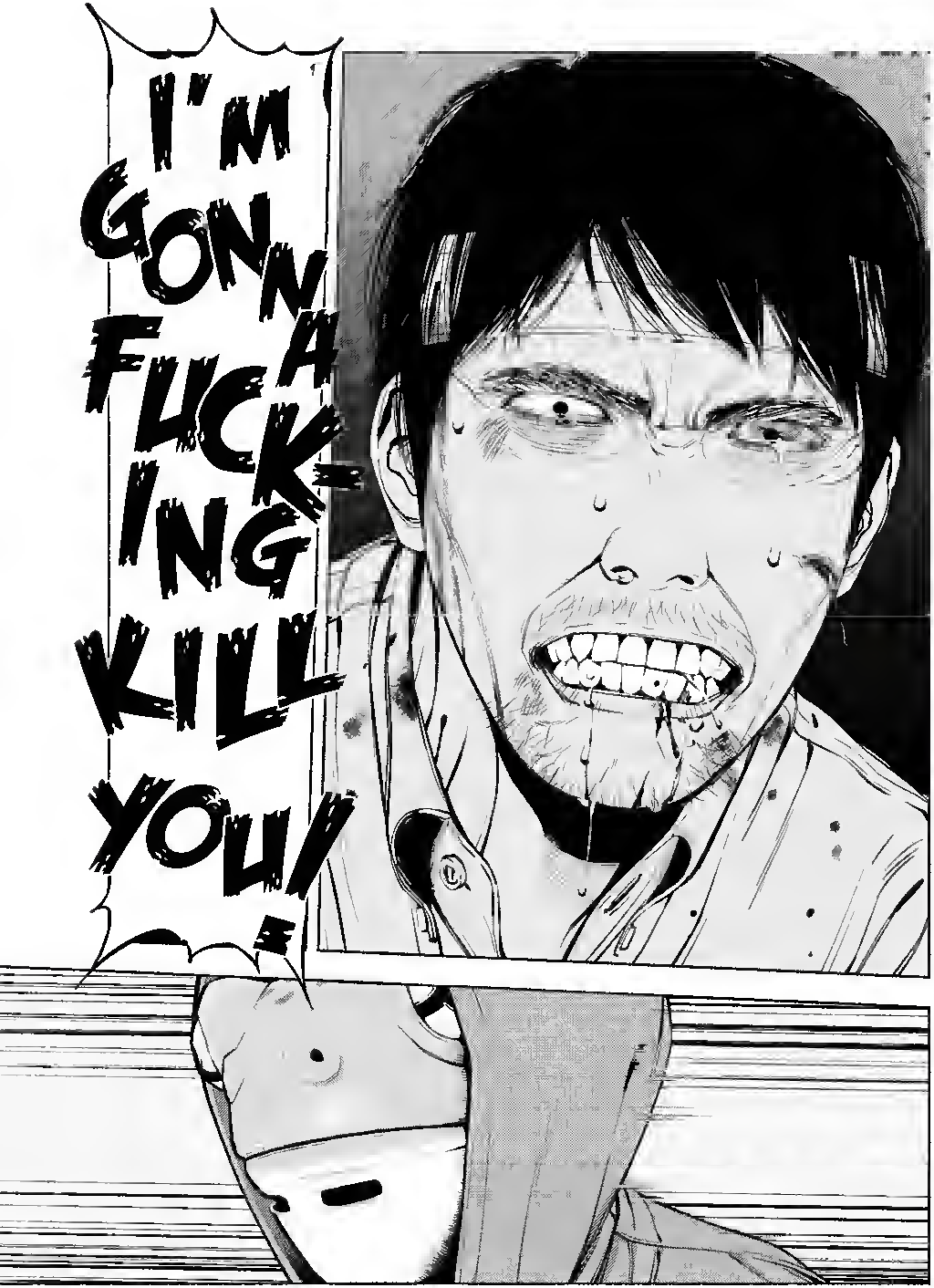
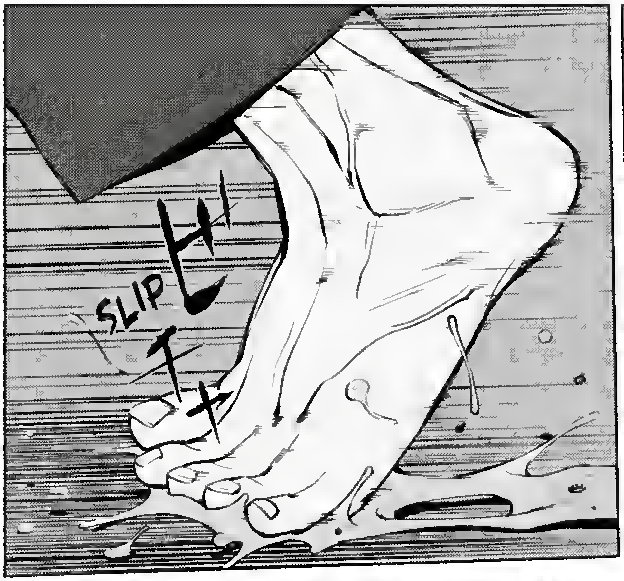
Vol. 21 - Punishment: Bring Your Family to Work
I can just picture it.
Choking on your tears as you watch your shit float around the toilet...
Geh heh heh.

CLENCH
Fucker ...
...kill you.

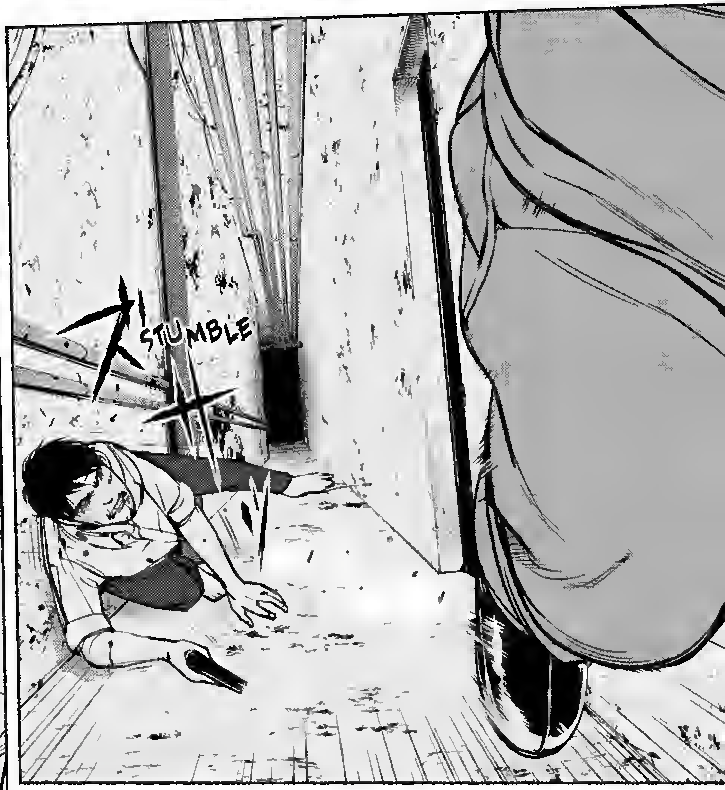

I'M GONNA FUCKING KILL YOU!!

10
BANG

...
I heard something, too.
Inspector... that sound just now.
Nothing on our end.
Gunfire?!
Where did it come from?
CREAK
CREAK


SLIP

I'LL KILL HIM.
RISE


STUMBLE

KILL
...
DASH
DASH
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
BANG
BANG

SCREECH
DASH
CRACK
BANG

DASH
KILL...
KILL!

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
BANG

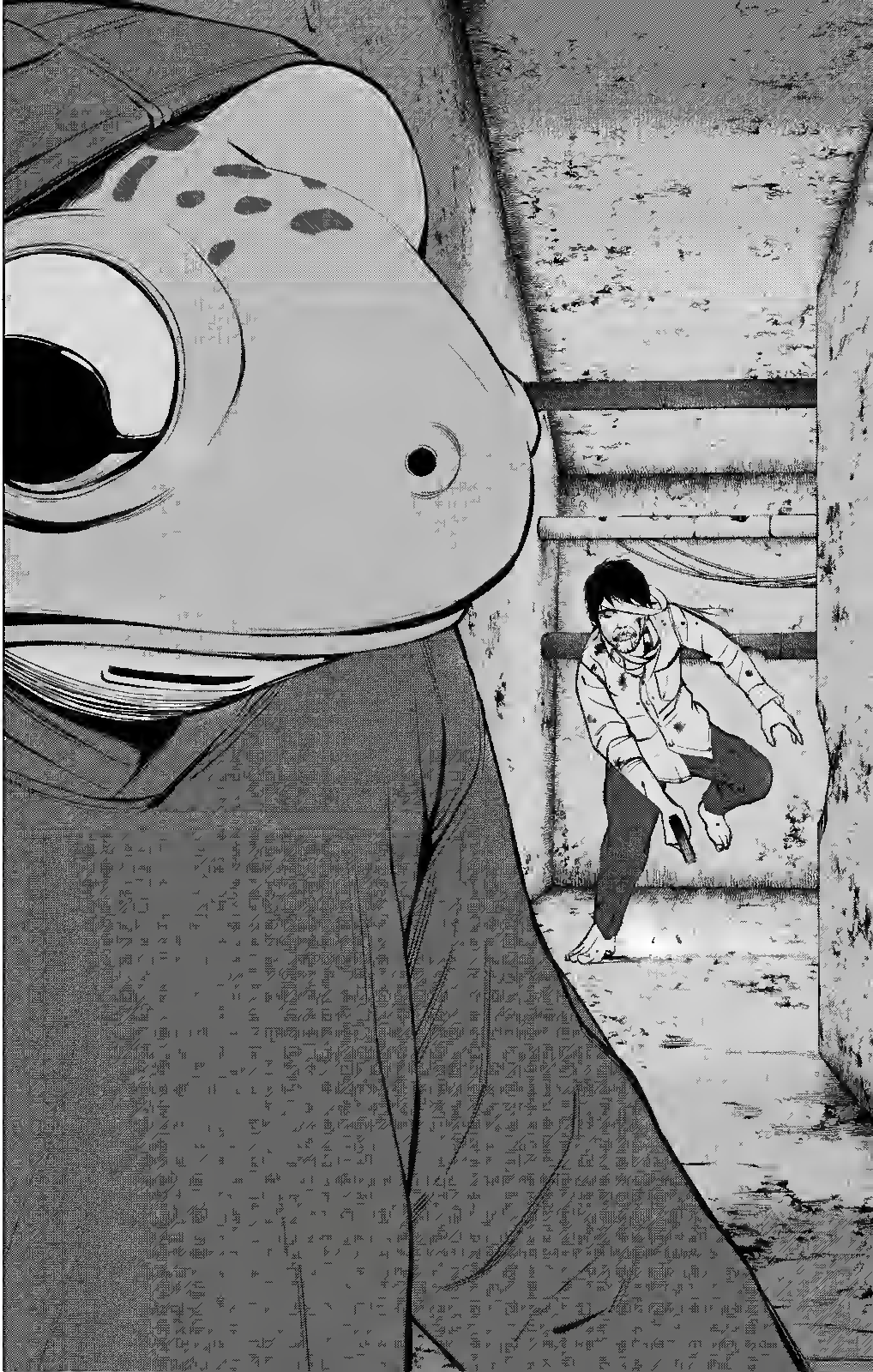
SKREE
DASH
DASH
SCREEEECH

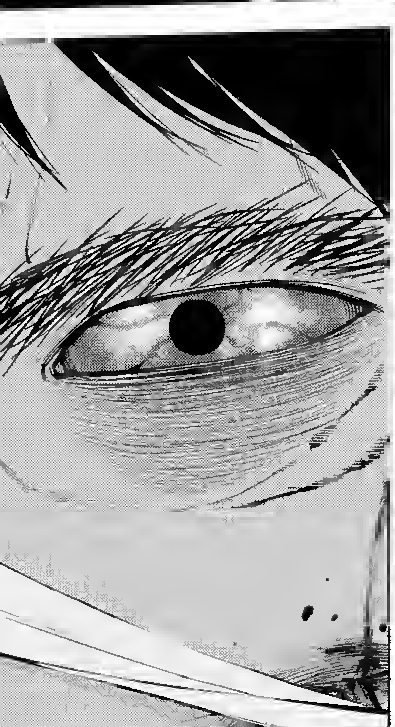
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

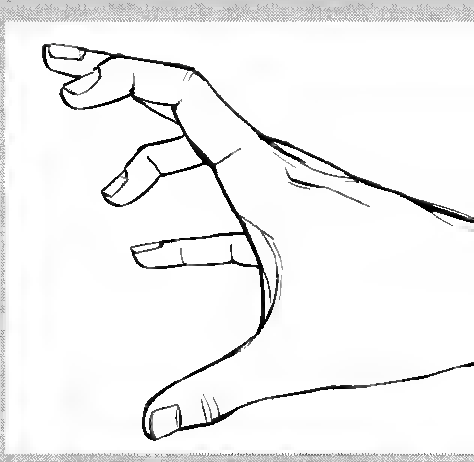
TREMBLE
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TREMBLE
HUFF
HUFF
Time for your punishment.

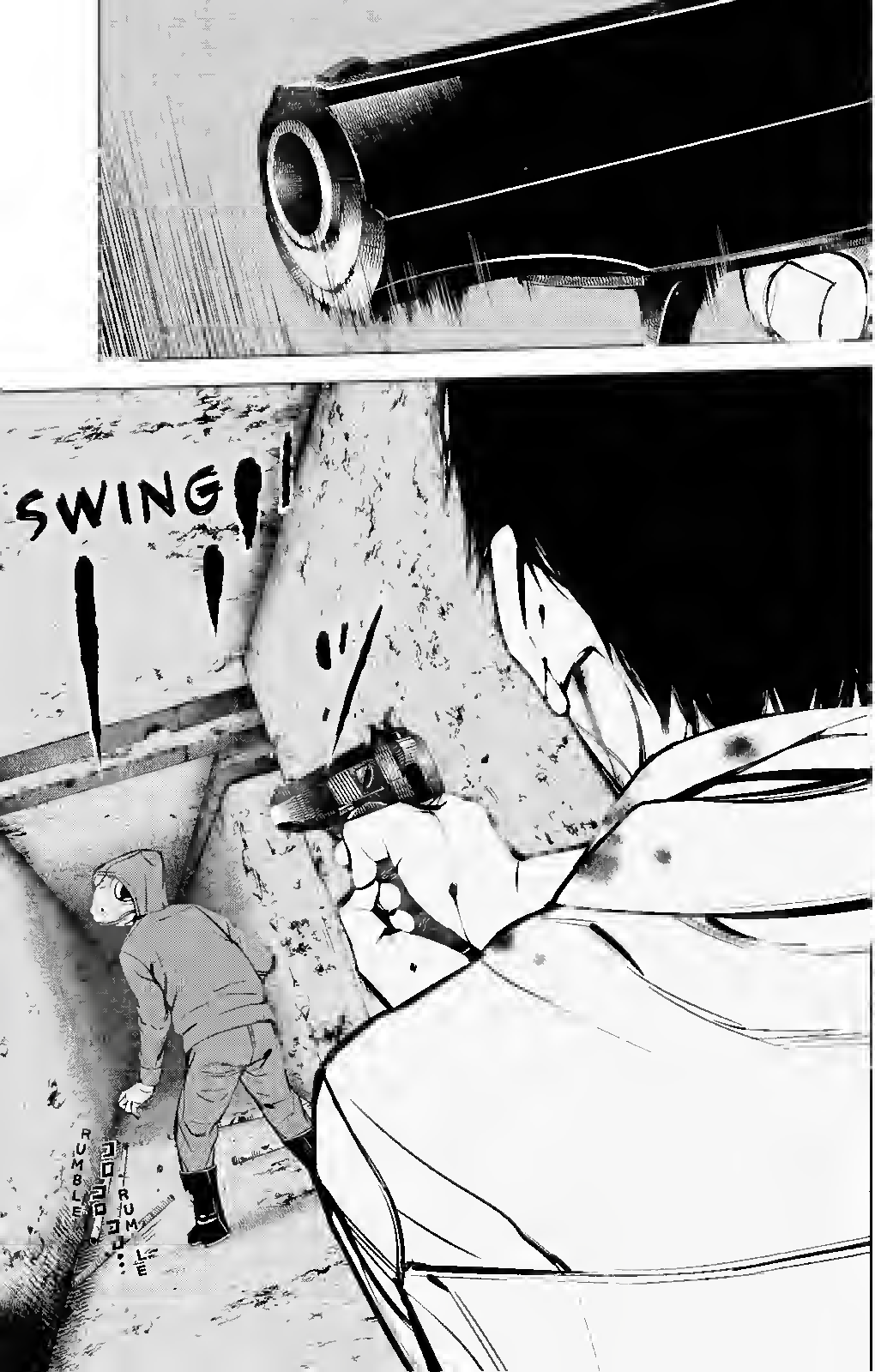
DASH
CRACK
KILL!
WHAM

KILL!
KILL!
TI' TI' TI' TI'
SKID








SWING!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

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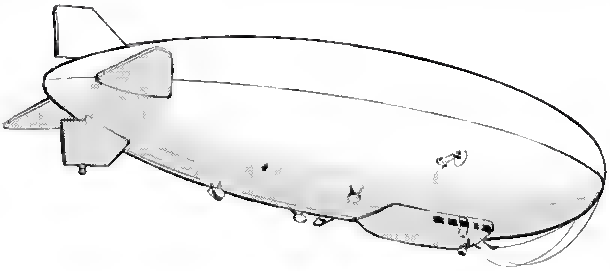
MOSEBY
THE
SERIAL
KILLER
IS LAUGHING IN THE RAIN.

The serial killer is laughing in the rain.

MUSEUM



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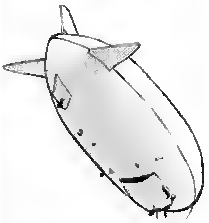
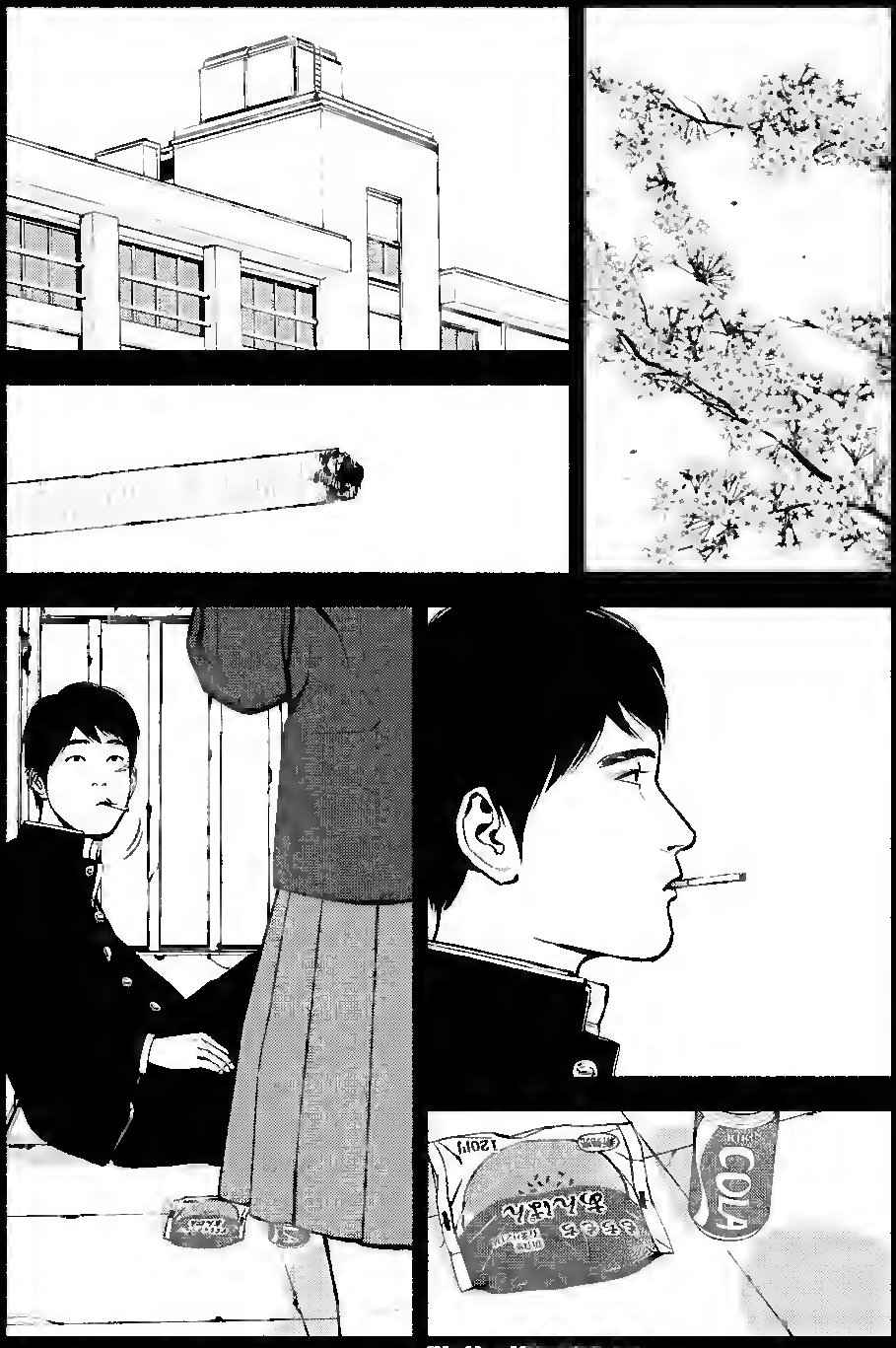


NO
飛翔祭


Mochimochi

SHOUTA.

17

Wedding anniversary

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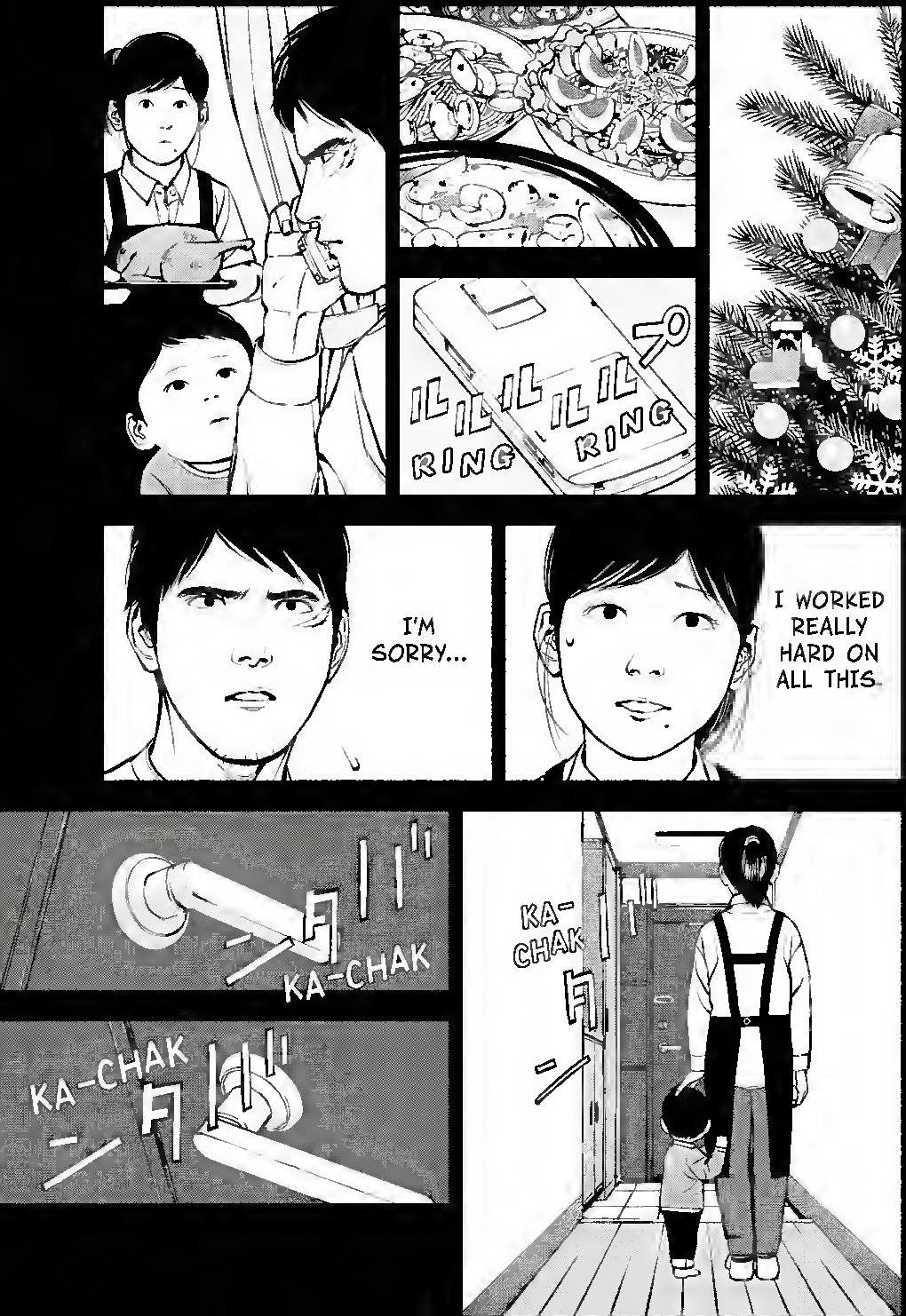
YOU'VE BEEN BUSY! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

YEAH... I GOTTA STAY LATE TONIGHT.
OH. I UNDER-STAND.

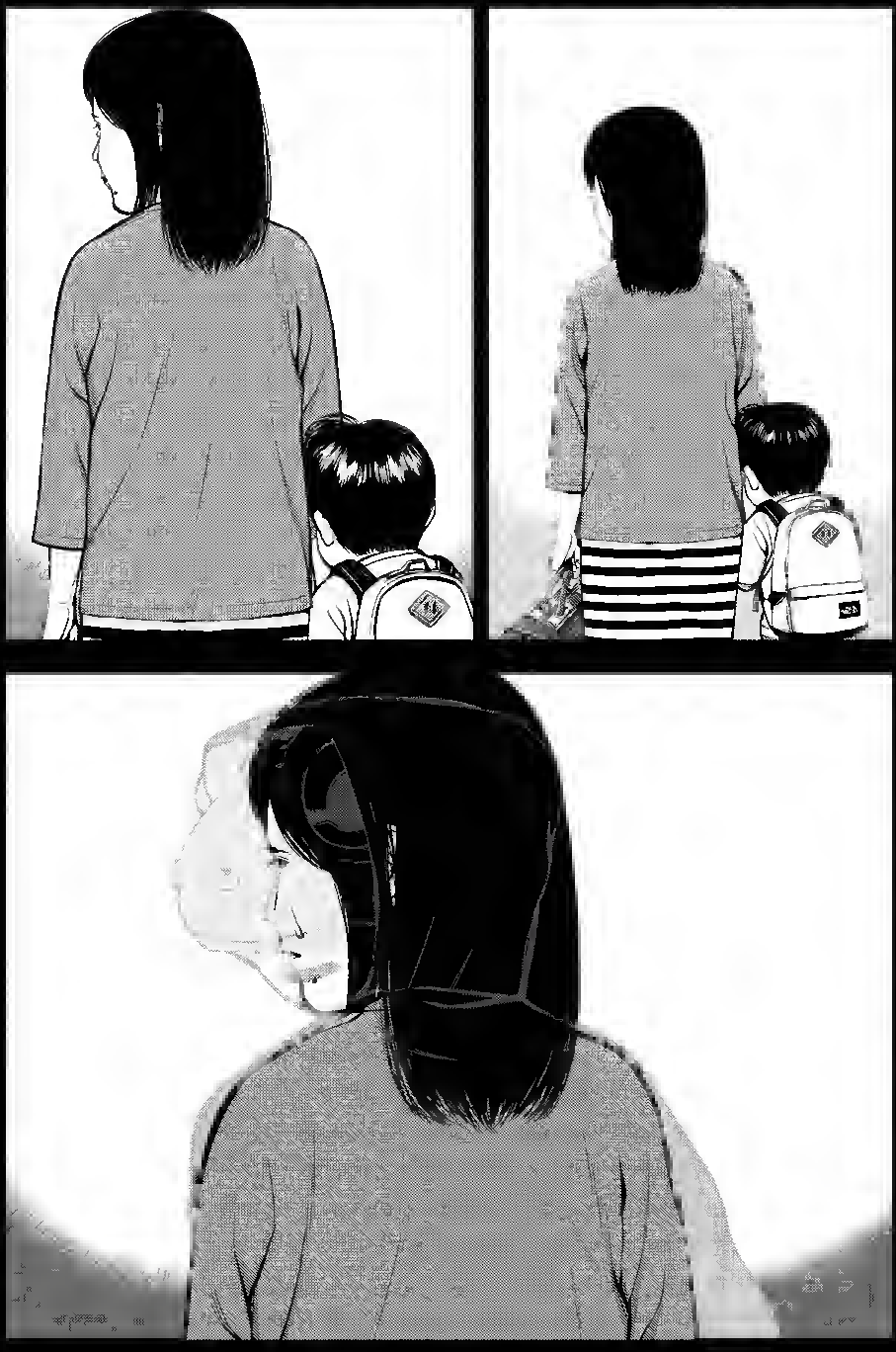
SHINAGAWA ZOO
SPECIAL DISCOUNT TICKET
ADULT ¥1600 → ¥800
CHILD ¥ 800 → ¥400
INCOMING CALL
RING
RING
RING
HAVE A GOOD DAY.
KA-CHAK!!
THEY'RE SHORT-HANDED.

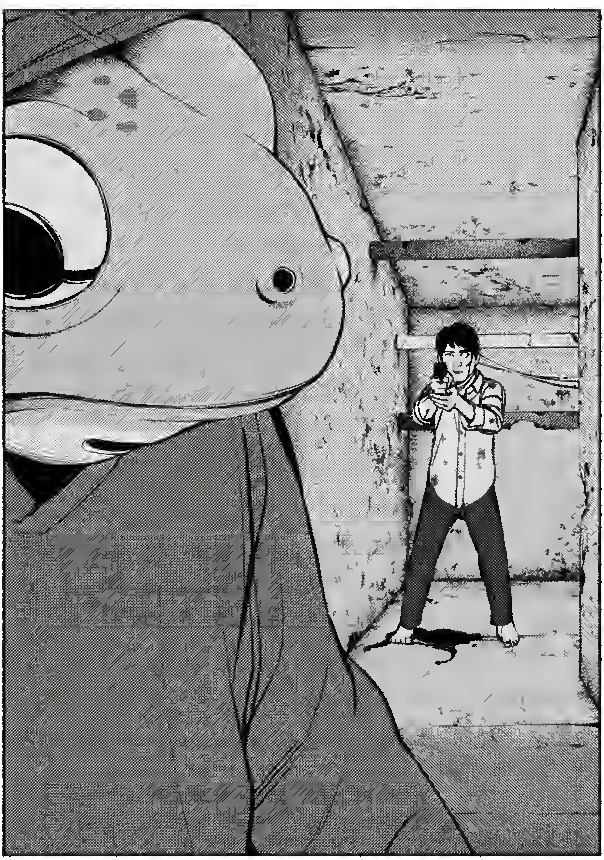

RING RING
I'M SORRY...
I WORKED REALLY HARD ON ALL THIS
KA-CHAK
KA-CHAK
KA-CHAK

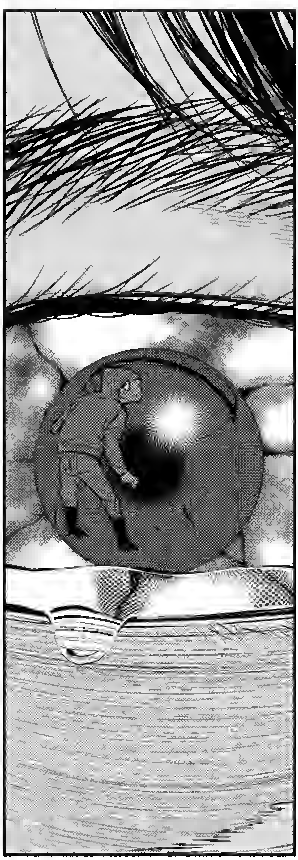
*Suspect Shigeru Ohashi commits suicide.

*Girl in Resin Murder Case

I... DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE.
SORRY... I JUST GOT CAUGHT UP IN WORK...
しょうたくん 3さい おたんじょうび おめでとう
*Happy 3rd Birthday Shouta-kun
THUNK
YOU... MAY BE AN EXCELLENT DETECTIVE.
BUT YOU'RE A FAILURE AS A FATHER...



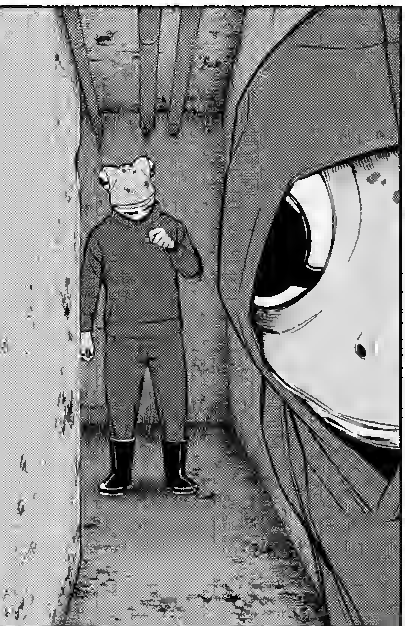


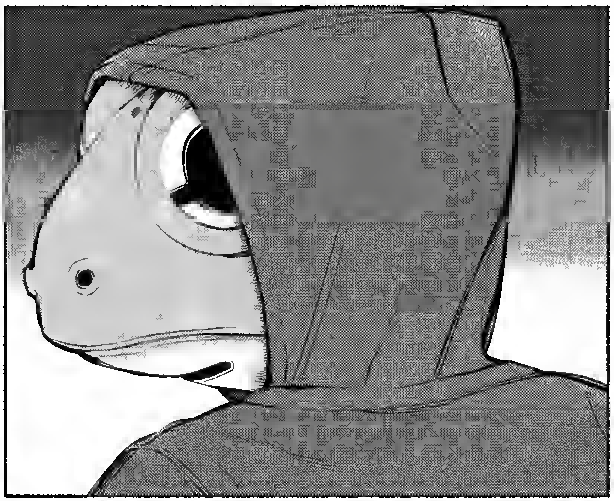


DRIP

I've pictured it in my head so many times...
That back of yours...

Haruka!





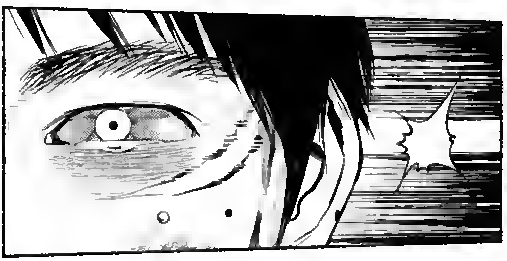
Aaah..

ガシッ
GRAB

Ah...

NNAAAAAUGH!

No...



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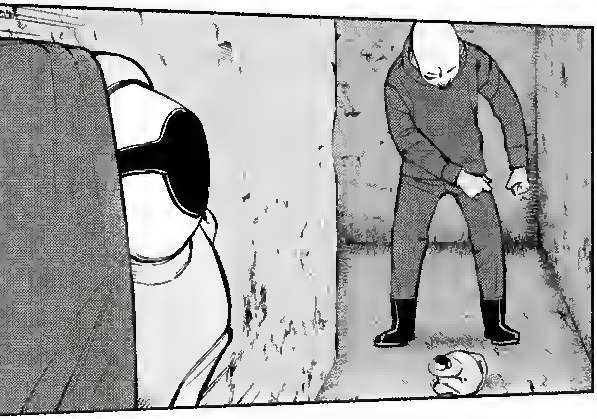
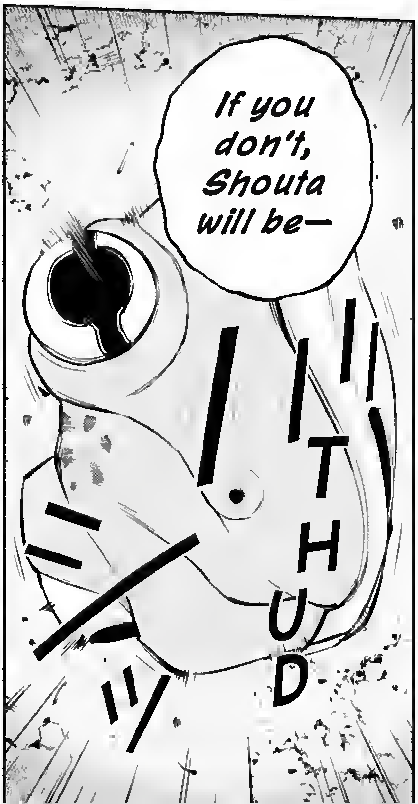
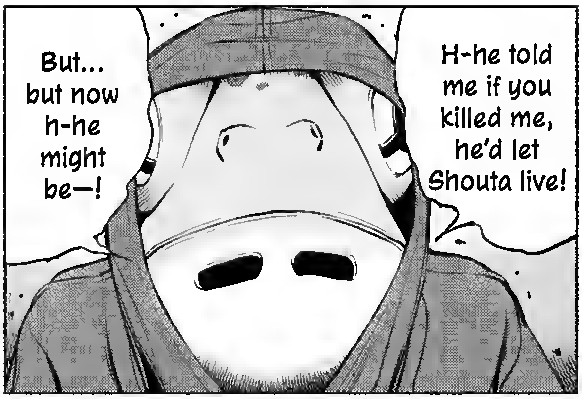
No!
You have to do it!
Shoot me!




If you don't, Shouta will be—
ITHUD

SHOVE

FWIP
ugh...


But... but now h-he might be—!
H-he told me if you killed me, he'd let Shouta live!

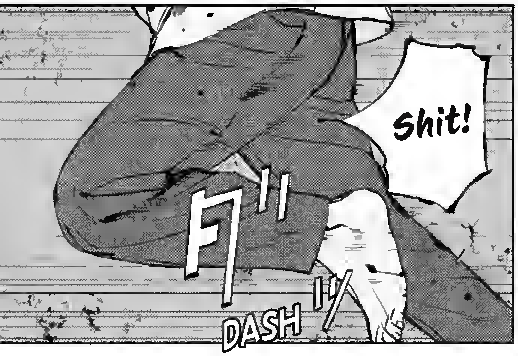
You *were* safe! Is Shota safe, too?!

DASH
I'll save him, I swear!

CRUSH

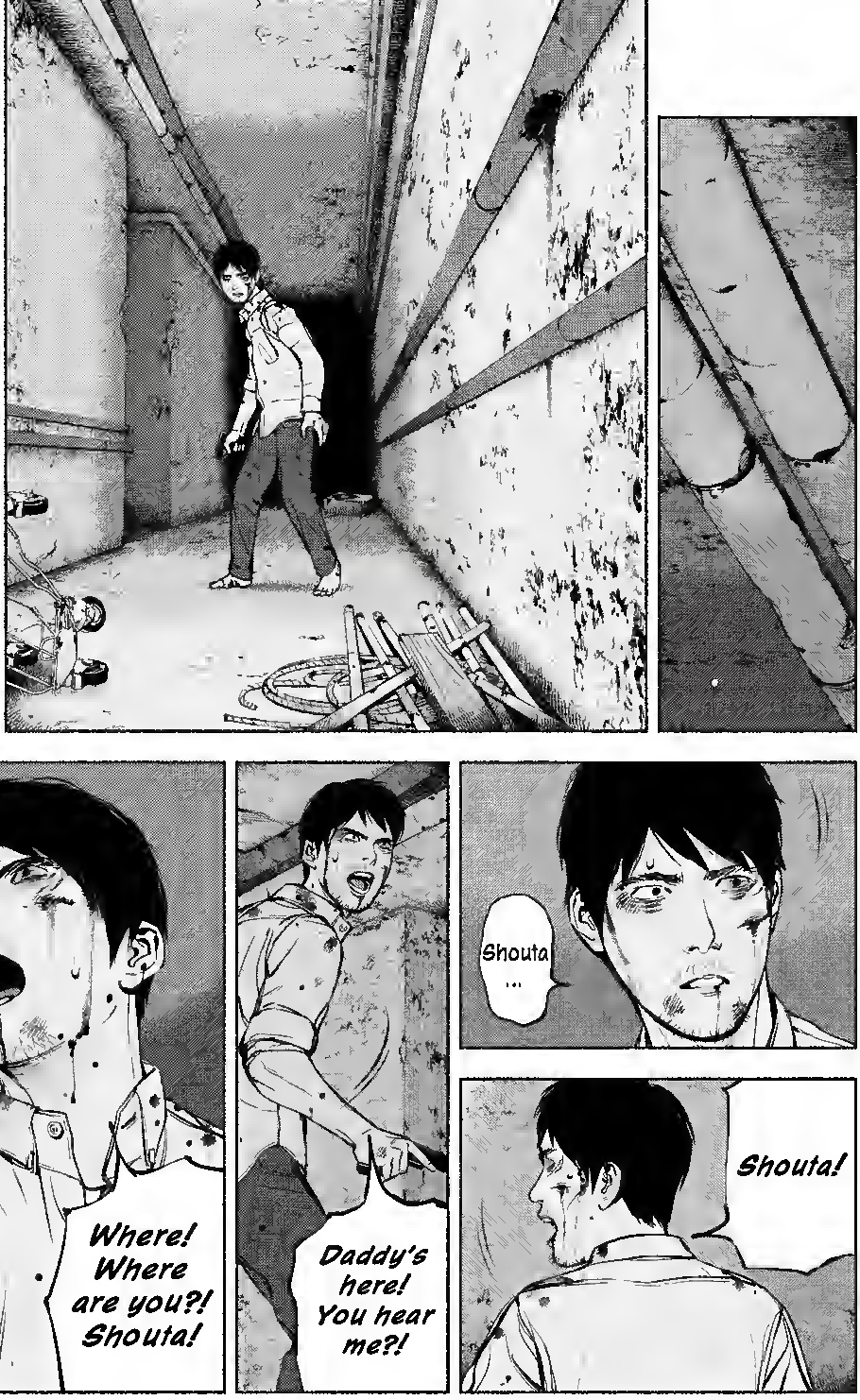
You find a place to hide and sit tight! *Got it?!*

FWIP


Shit!
DASH

Where'd you go?!

Uwaaah!
FLICKER
MOMMMYY!
I was so close...
Mommy...


Where! Where are you?! Shouta!
Daddy's here! You hear me?!
Shouta ...
Shouta!

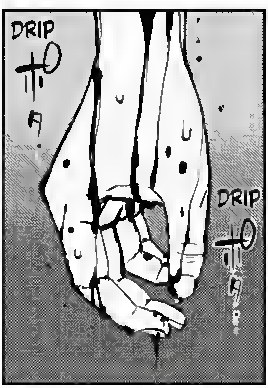
STEP ヤ
カチャ ヤ
CLACK
BANG!

Shouta!
Daa... dhhy...
WOBBLE WOBBLE...
I wanted this to end beautifully...
Stop! Let him go!

Don't involve him in this!
I'm begging you! He's only 3 years old!

This way of doing things is unbefitting of my art.

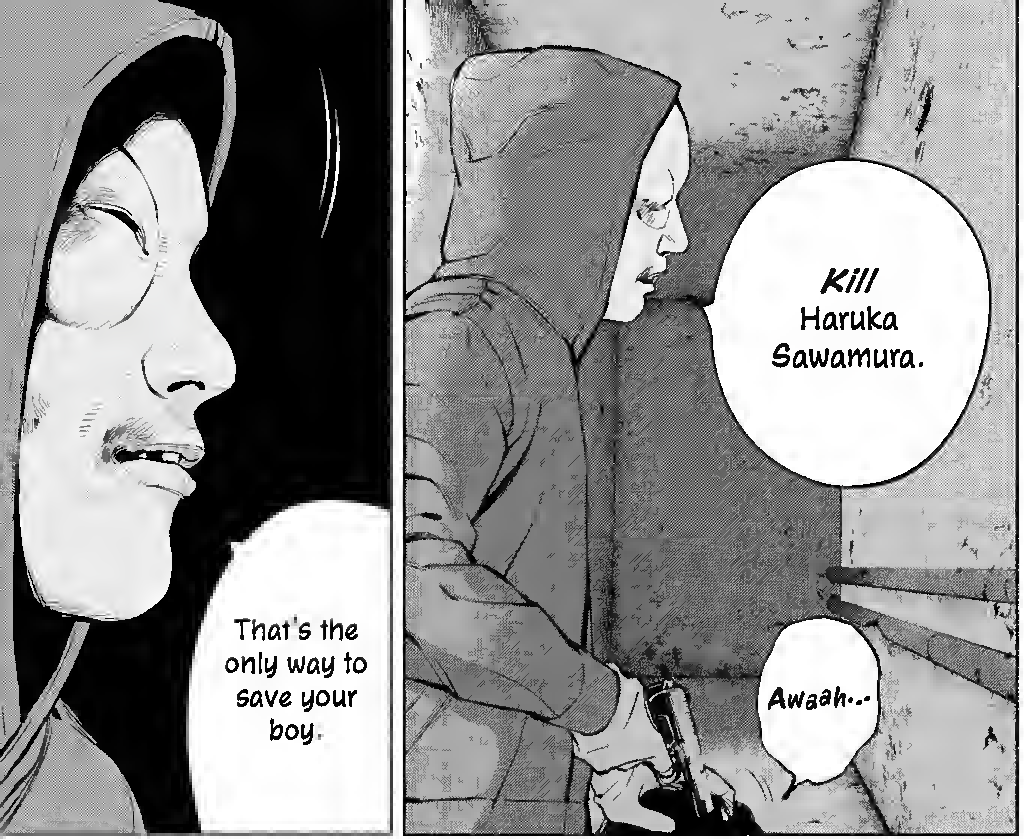
That depends on you, Detective Sawamura...

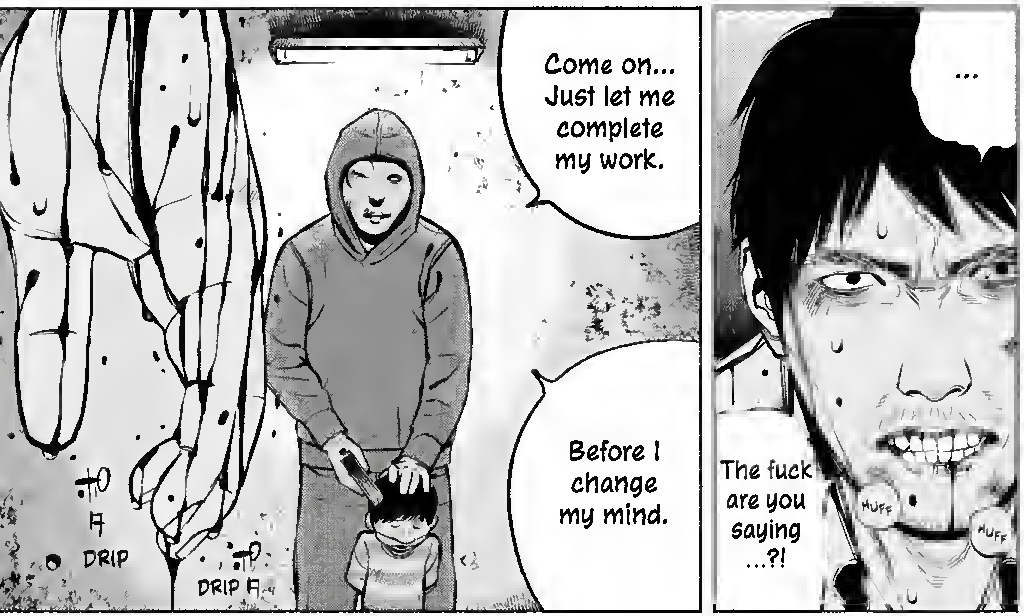

DRIP
DRIP

Dear! Shouta!

Perfect timing...
HUFF
HUFF

GRIND
Mwo-mmy...
Stay away, Haruka!
Don't you point that fucking thing at Shouta!
NOOO! OH GOD, PLEASE LET HIM GO!
Then, kill her.

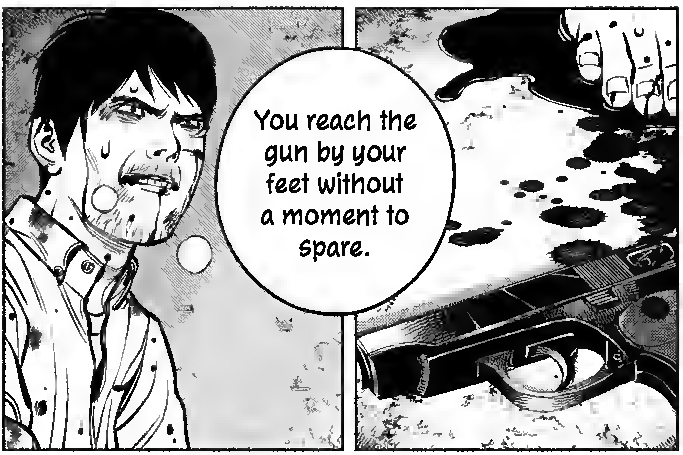

That's the only way to save your boy.
Kill Haruka Sawamura.
Awaah...

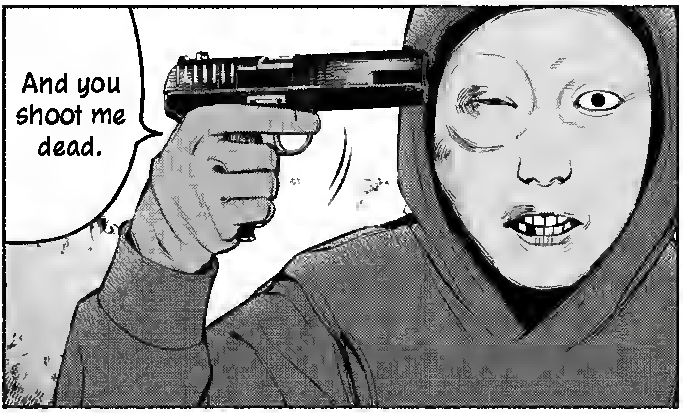

Come on... Just let me complete my work.
Before I change my mind.
DRIP
DRIP
...
The fuck are you saying ...?!
HUFF
HUFF

Do as he says...!
It's fine, Hisashi!
Don't fuck with me!
If it saves Shouta, I'm just fine with—
I don't want to let him scare us anymore!
You keep quiet!
Hisashi!
How could I do such a thing?!
I'm begging you... It's impossible! I just can't!
I'll do anything but that! I don't care if you kill me...
So just leave Haruka and Shouta out of this! Please...!
Mwom-mmy...
Go on, do it.
Please!

FLICKER
So that's your answer?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
What ...?
...
There are three endings here.

...?
First ending...
You kill your wife, and you and your son survive.


You reach the gun by your feet without a moment to spare.

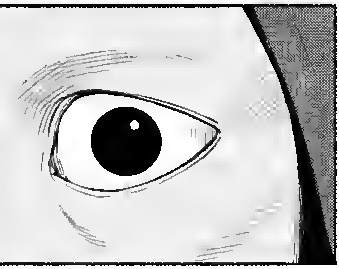

And you shoot me dead.

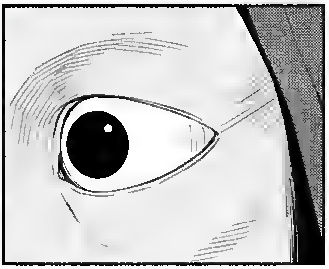
Second ending ...
You wait for me to let my guard down...

...

The ending where you save your whole family.
That's the one you're picturing in your head now.

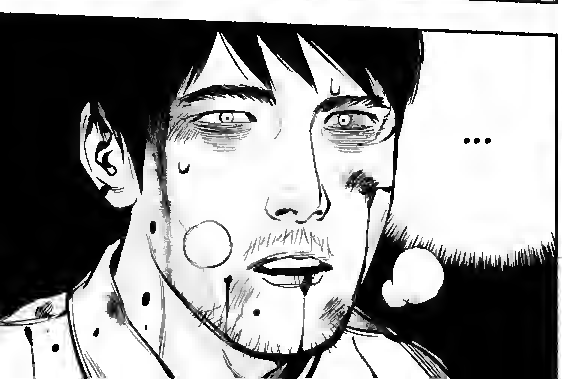
As for the final ending...
Now...





Don't move.

Final Volume - Happy Birthday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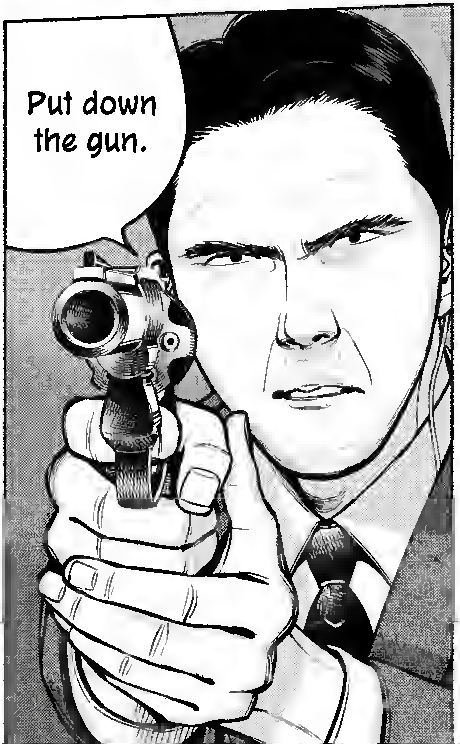

Put down the gun.

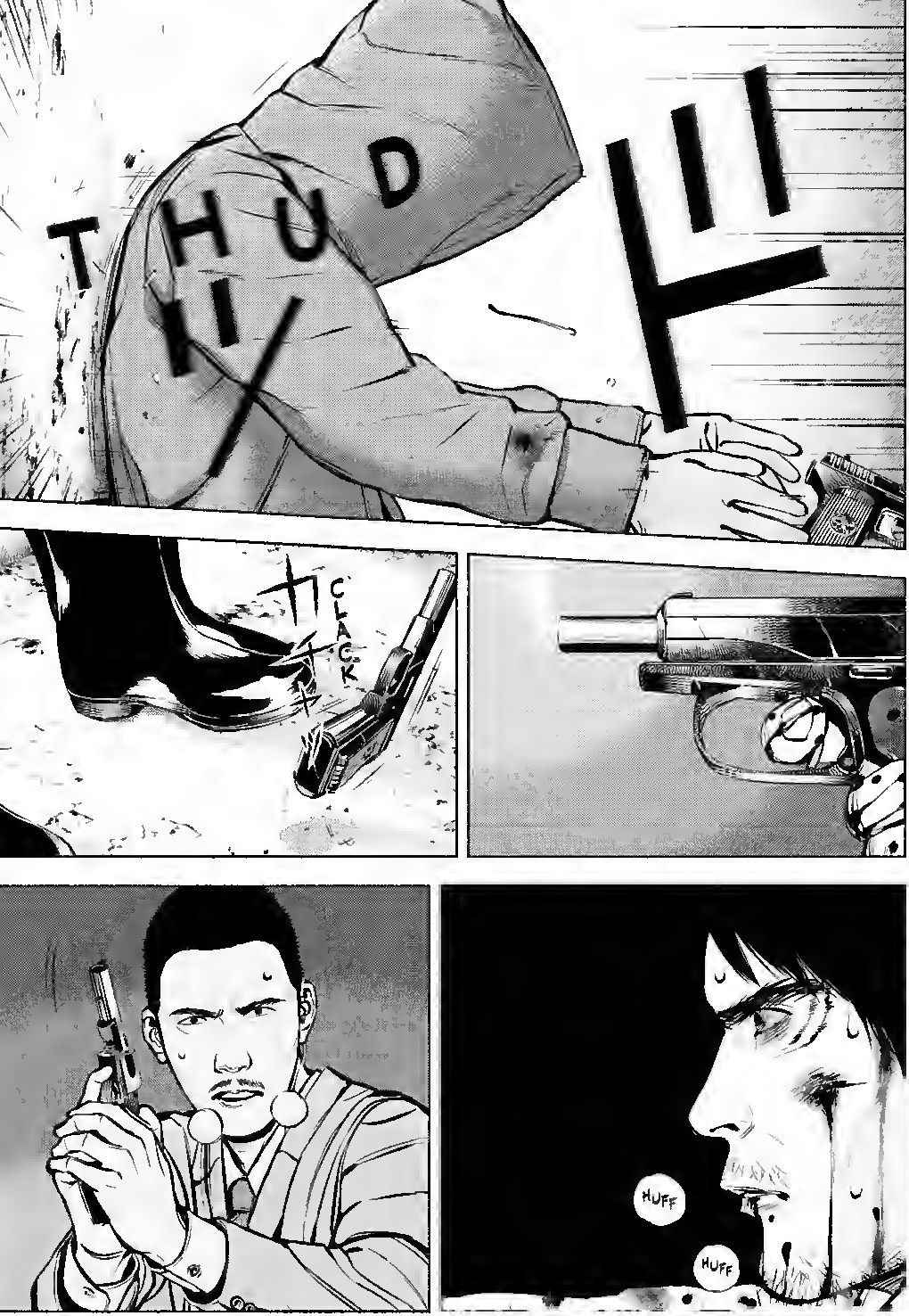
THAT VOICE... SEKI-SAN?!
SLIDE
SUGA-HARA...!
Don't move from back there, ma'am!

THEY CAME FOR US!
STEP
Throw away the gun...
Kiri-shima!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Shouta ...!
...
Mwom-myy...
...
Don't interfere.
Do as I say!
You're all out of options!

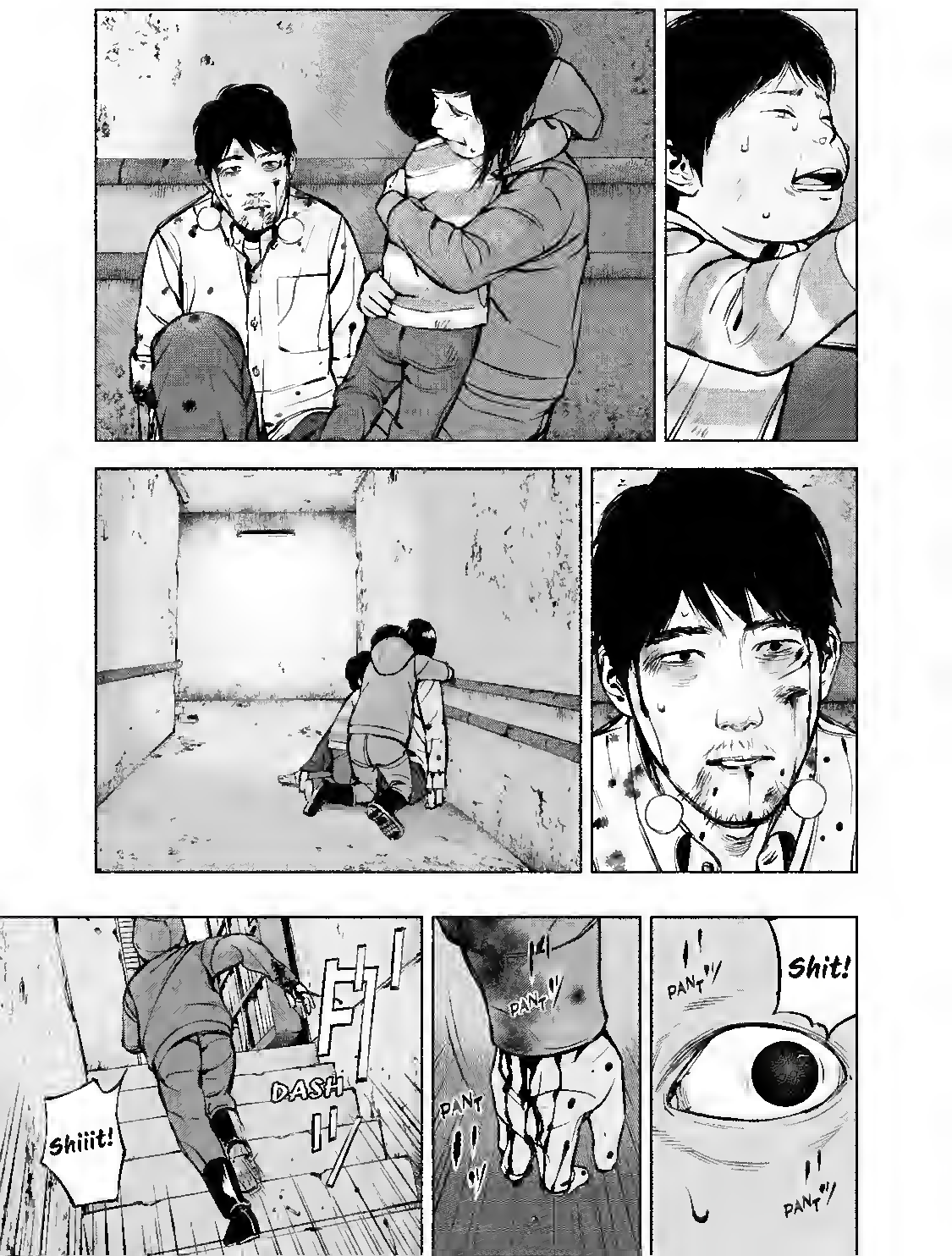
DON'T GET IN MY—
BANG

BANG
BANG


THUD
CLACK
HUFF
HUFF

KLAK
Uhn!
WHOOSH
DASH
Freeze!

Must be wearing a bullet-proof vest!
Freeze, Kiri-shima!
DASH
Shouta!
There's a hidden door in the hallway! Find it!
Suspect in motion! Seal off all under-ground entries and exits!


Shiiit!
DASH
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
Shit!

STEP
Th-there he is!
Guh!
Stop right there, Kirishima!
PANT
PANT
DASH

PANT
PANT
BLOOP
Not this way!
CLICK
PANT
PANT
CREAK
This isn't over!
NOW FOR THE KANTO AREA WEATHER REPORT.
KA-CHAK
As if I'd let it end like this!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT

THE RAIN CLOUDS COVERING THE SKY HAVE MOVED NORTHWARD. TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED 30 DEGREES IN PARTS.
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
AH...
UGH!
THE SUN WILL BE SHINING ALL THE MORE STRONGLY, SO TAKE CARE TO USE SUNSCREEN WHEN YOU GO OUT.

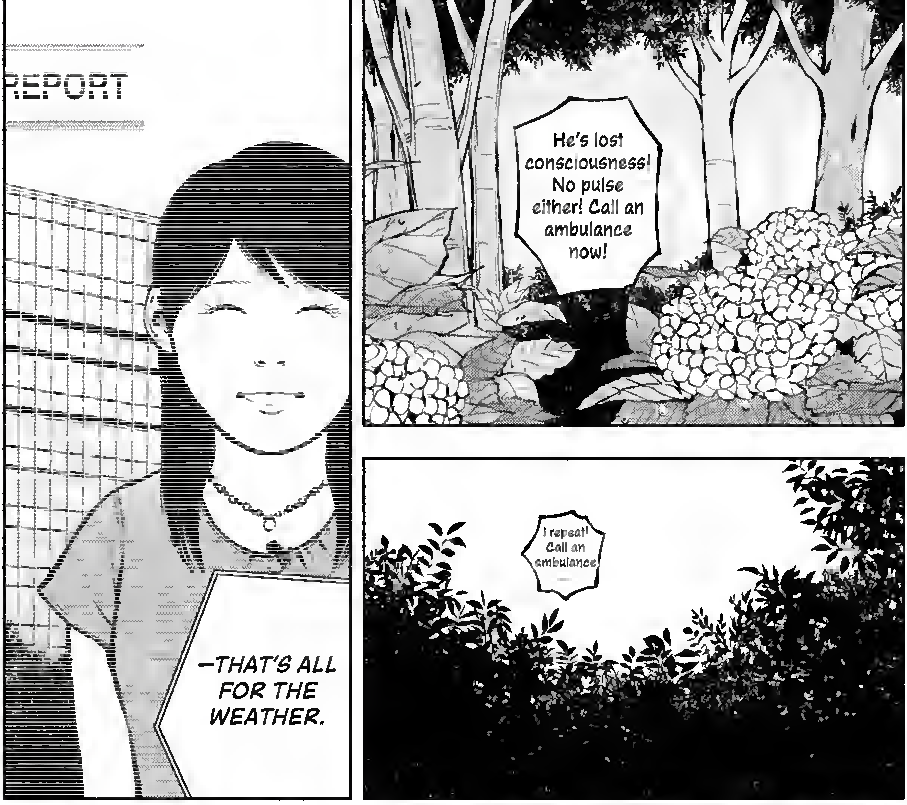
Hold it right there!
THUD

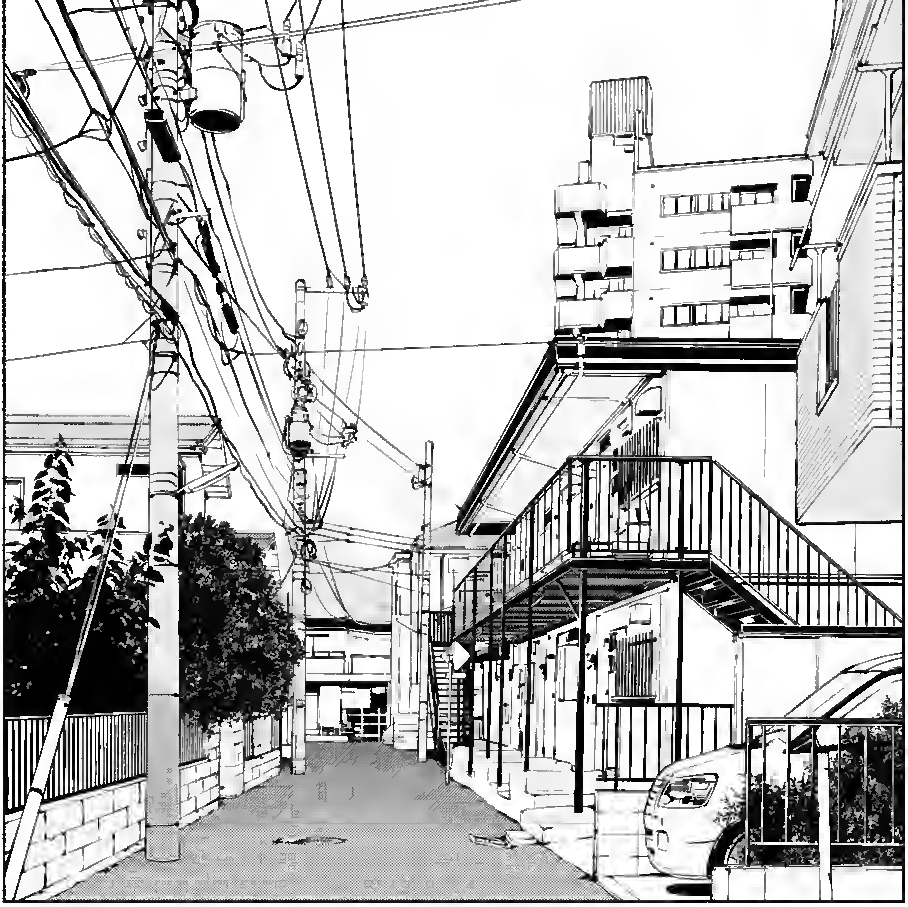
THUMP

Suspect obtained, suspect obtained!

...!

Oh shit, he's not breathing!


REPORT
—THAT'S ALL FOR THE WEATHER.
He's lost consciousness! No pulse either! Call an ambulance now!
I repeat! Call an ambulance!



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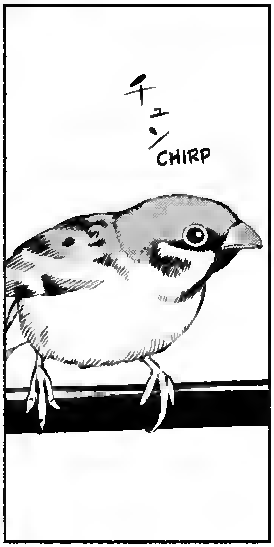
CHIRP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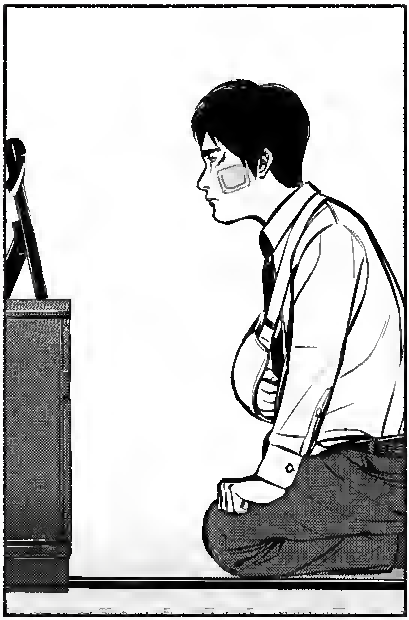

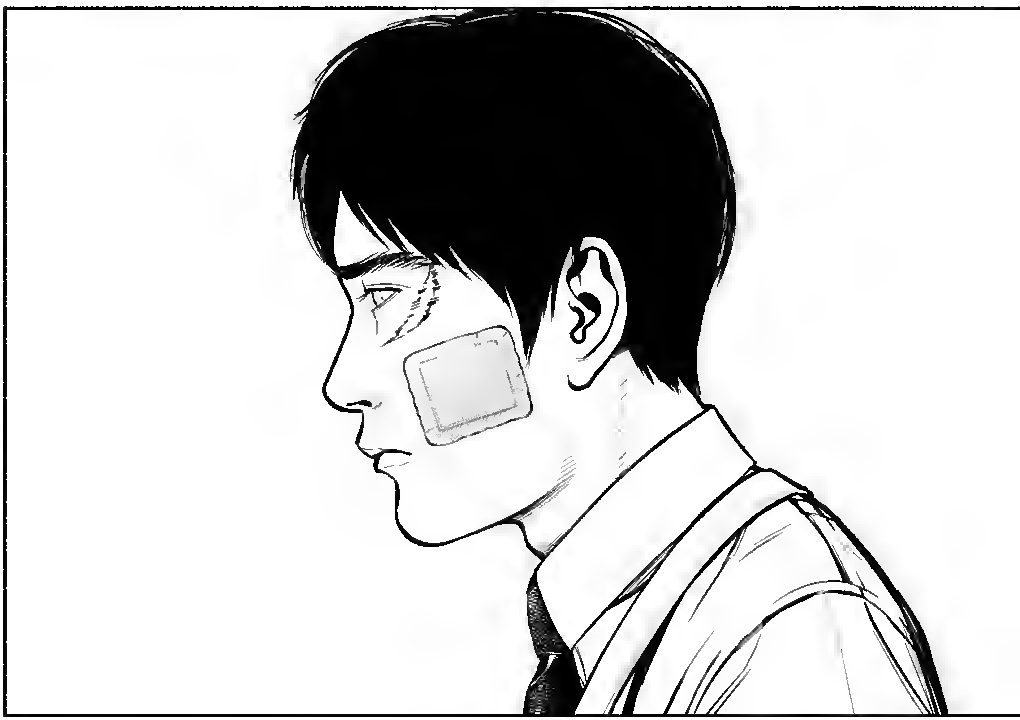

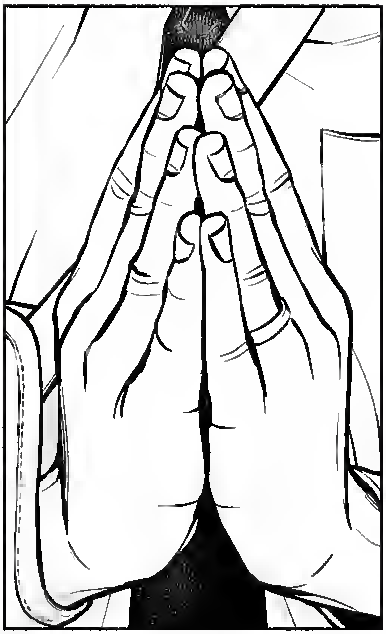

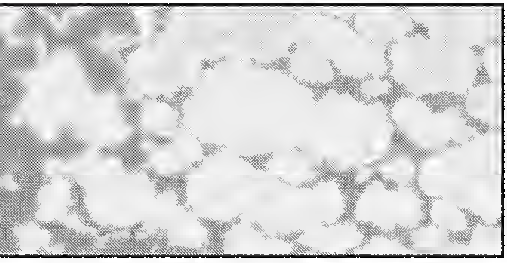

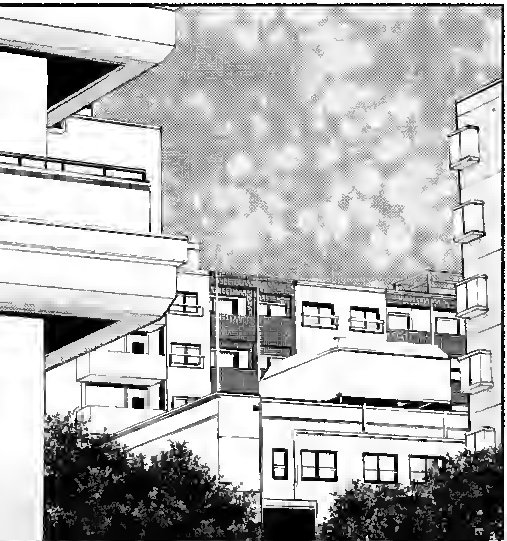

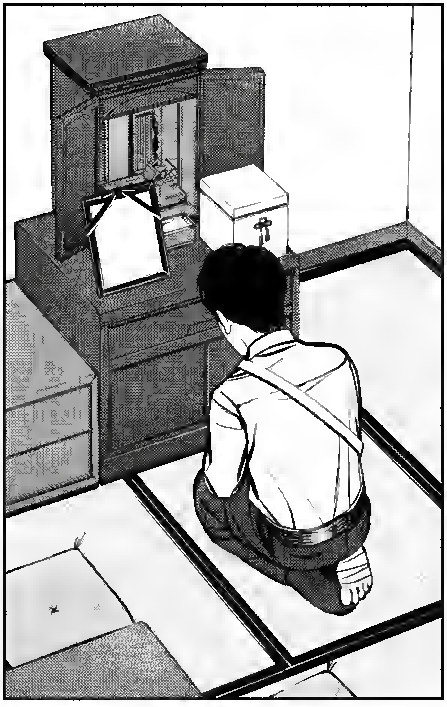

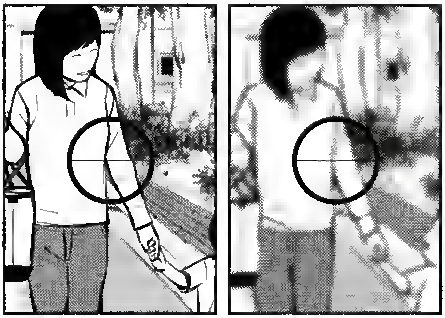

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

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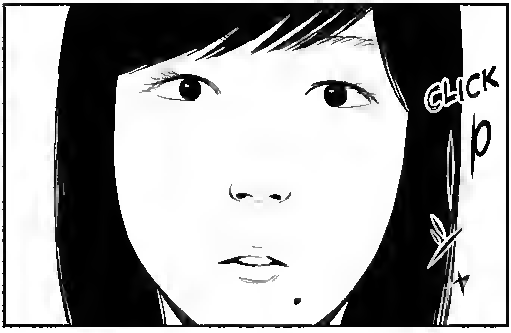
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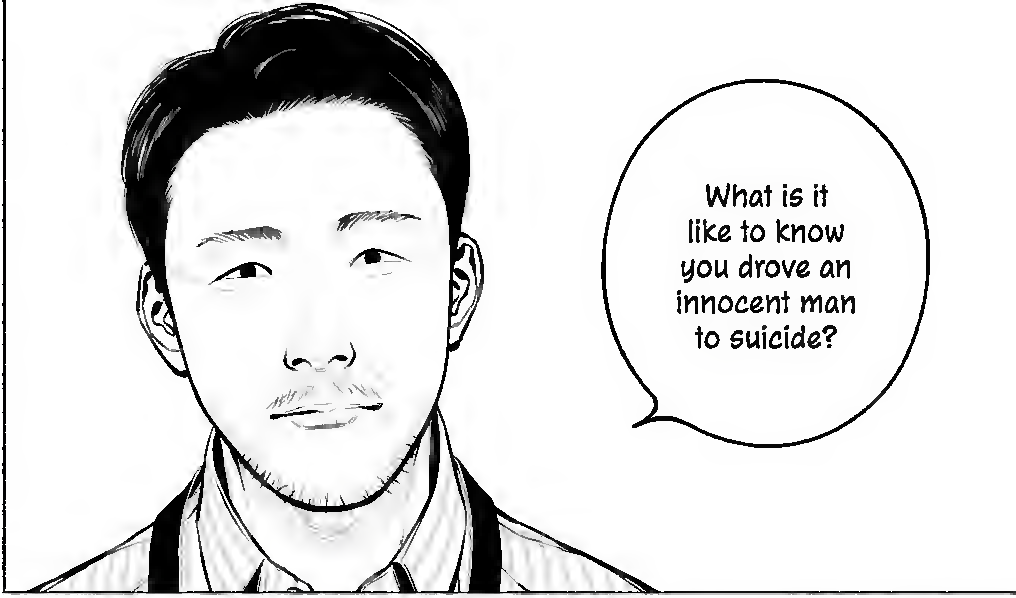
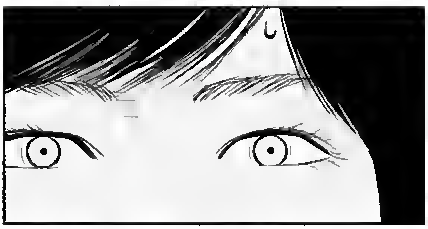
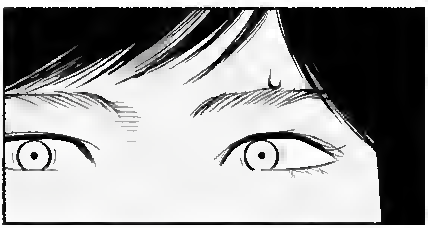
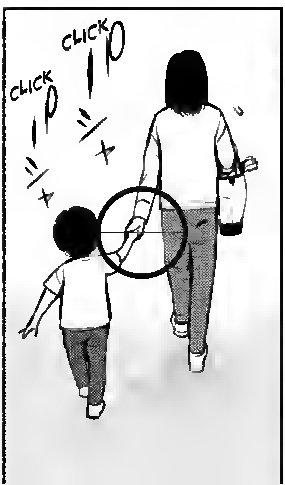
...
Um. If I may, who-...
Haruka Sawamura?
What is it like?
A freelance writer.
This is my occupation.
FREELANCE WRITER
ATSUSHI MIZ-KI
SNUFF


What is it like to know you drove an innocent man to suicide?






CLICK
CLICK

L-let's go, Shouta...

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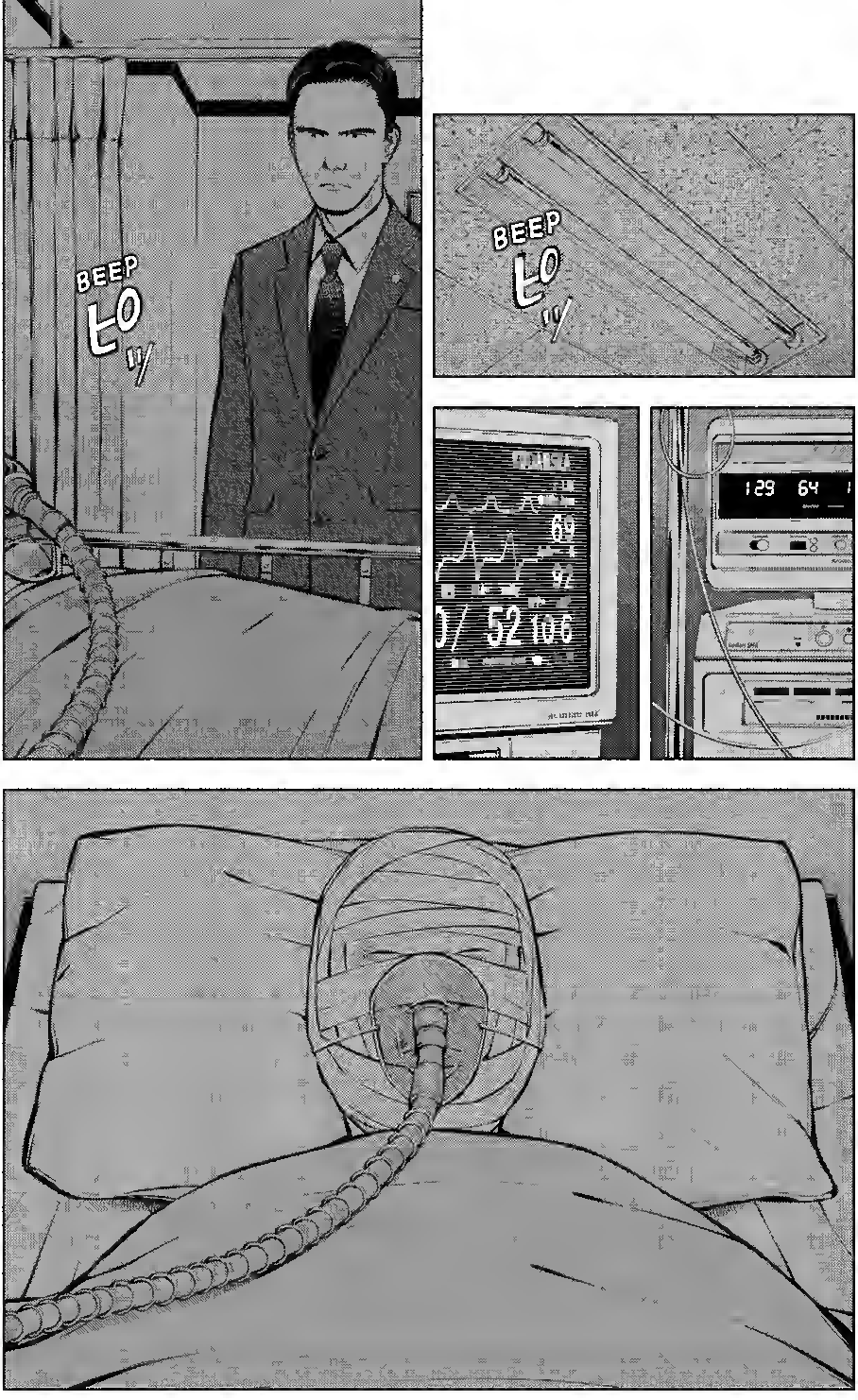
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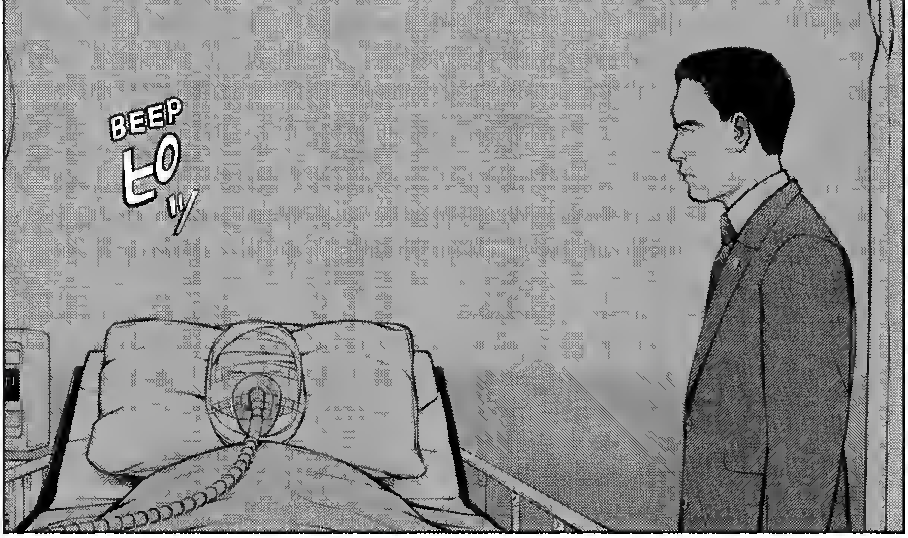
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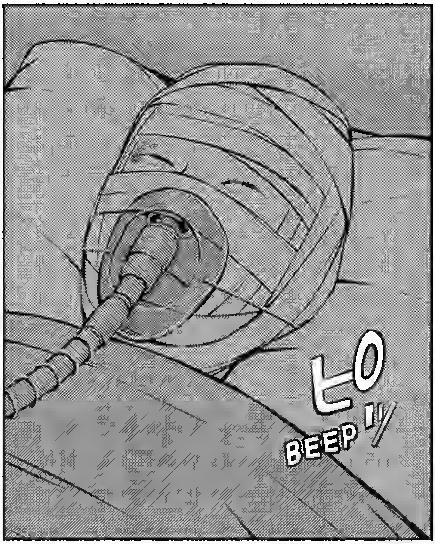
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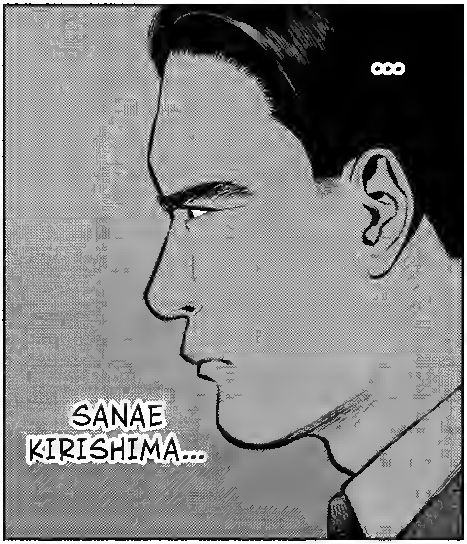
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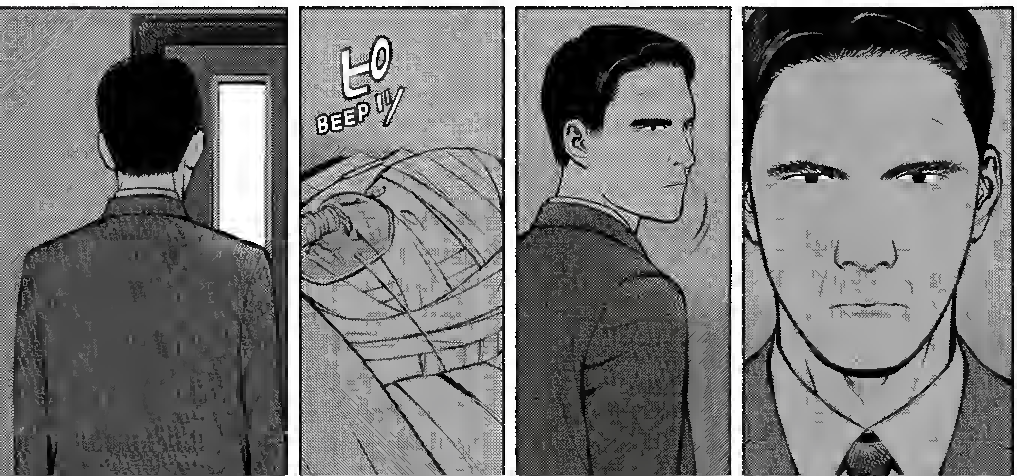
SANAE
KIRISHIMA...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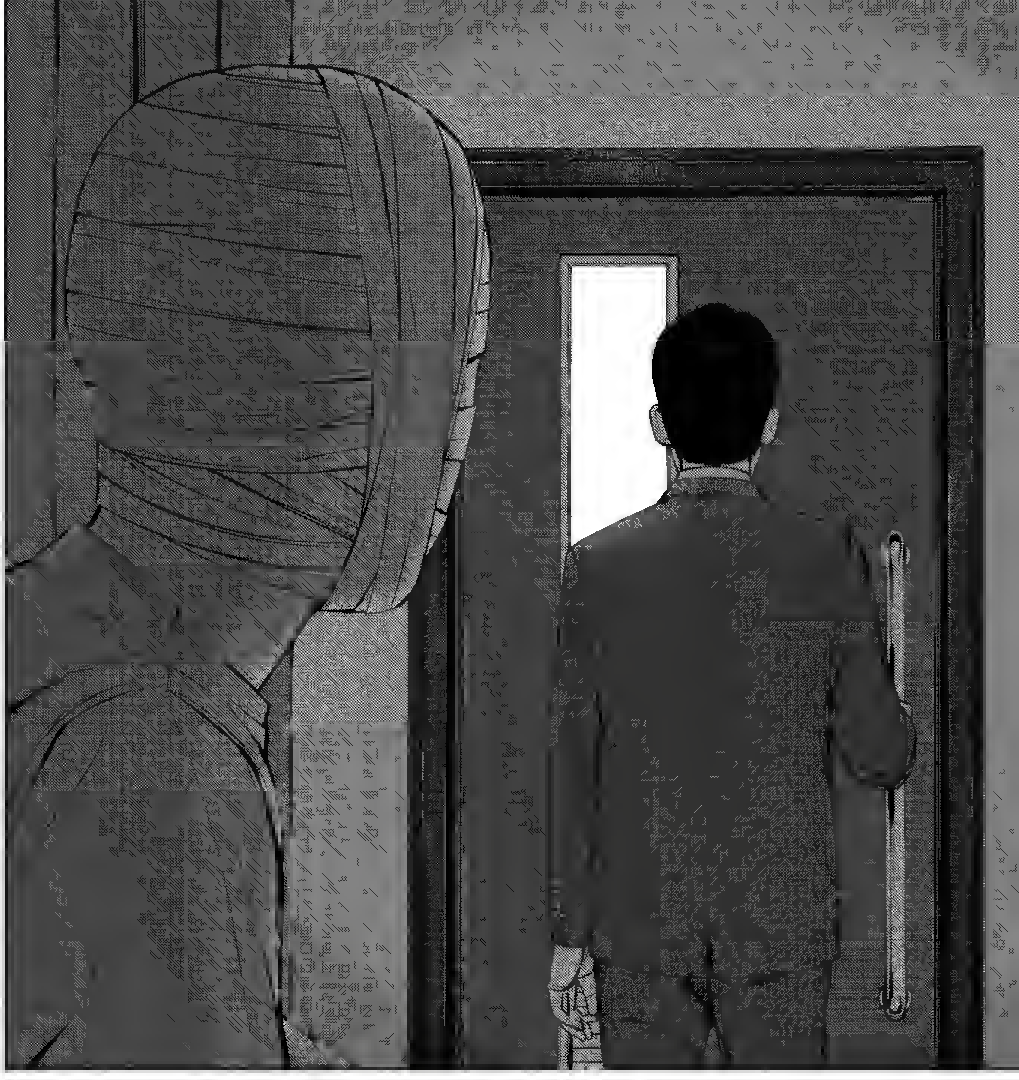
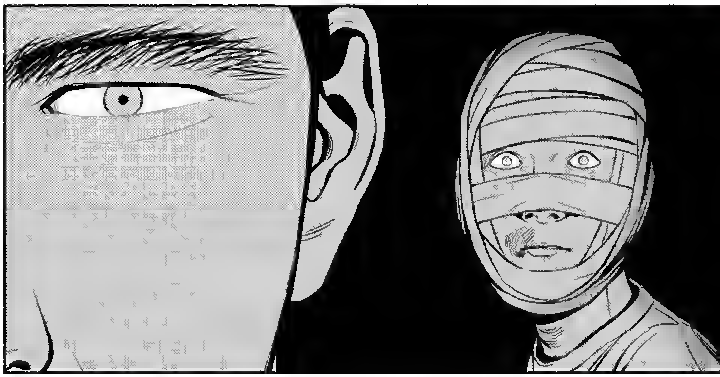
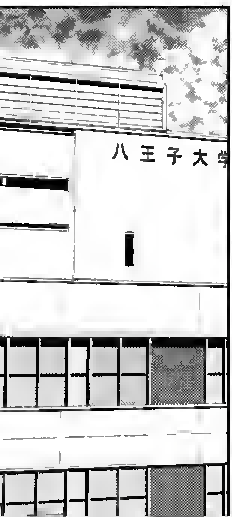


ONE DAY. YOU TOO WILL HAVE A PLACE IN MY MUSEUM.



TURN

BEEP
ピ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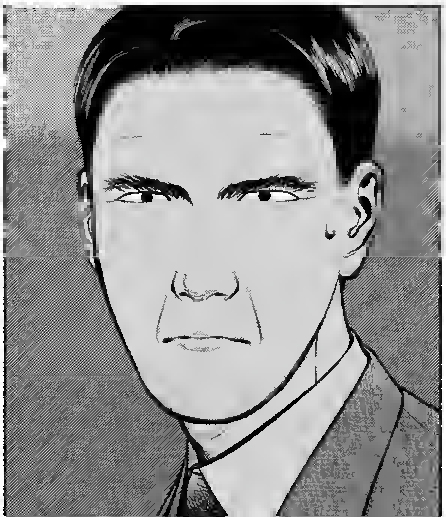

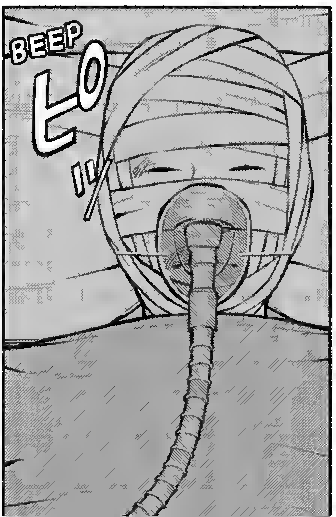
BEEP
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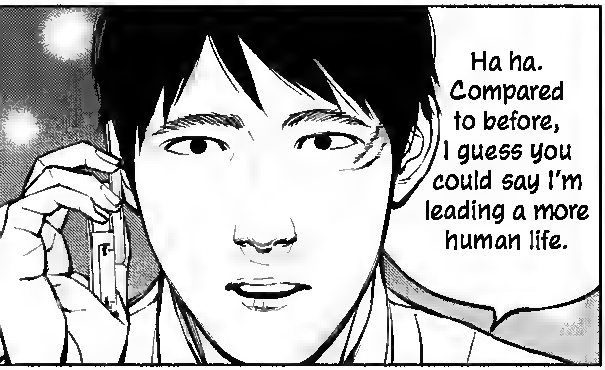
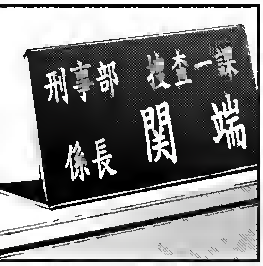
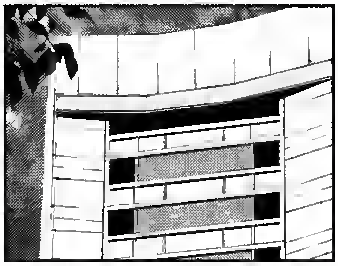
FALLEN BUMBLE
So, his condition is still the same?
HOW ARE YOU? HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO THE NEW JOB?
No Smoking Area
YEAH.. HE'S BEEN IN A COMA EVER SINCE.
I see...







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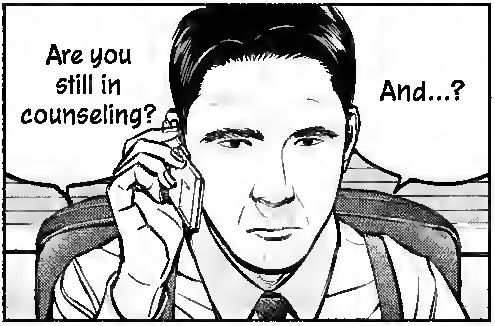
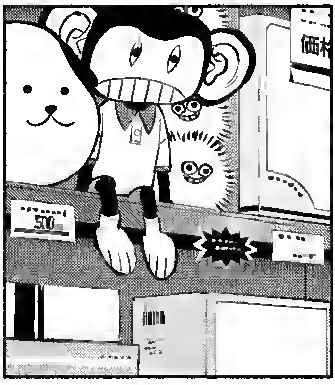


*Chachacha Toys



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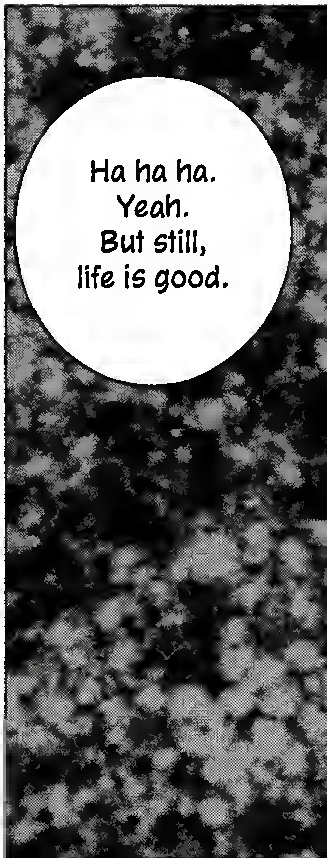
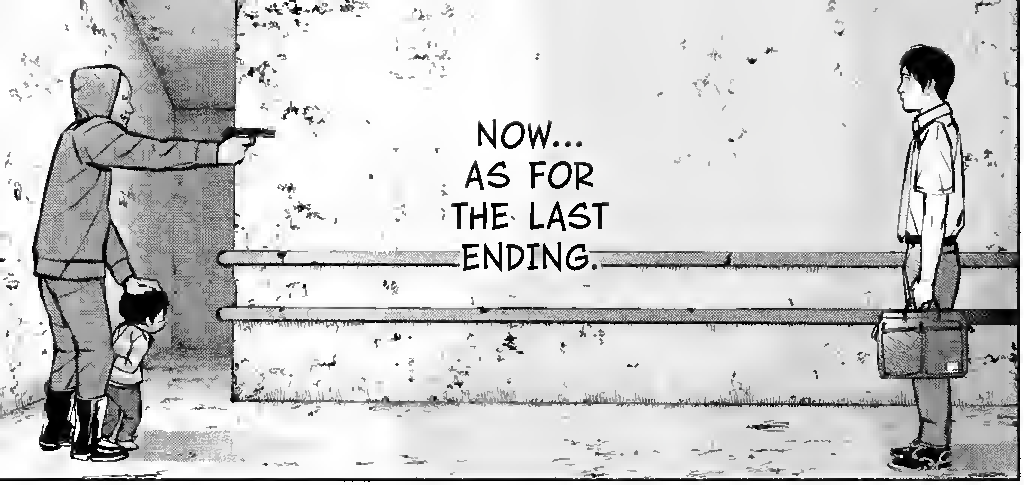


You're just in time to grab the last one.
Never give up
KODANSHA
Sweet.
It sells out as soon as we get it in stock.
This toy is very popular!
Thank you very much!
Oh, hey...my bad. Could you giftwrap it for me? It's my son's birthday.
Why, of course!
The last one...


NOW...
AS FOR
THE LAST
ENDING.

THROB
THROB

HUFF
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KA-
KLAK
CLANG
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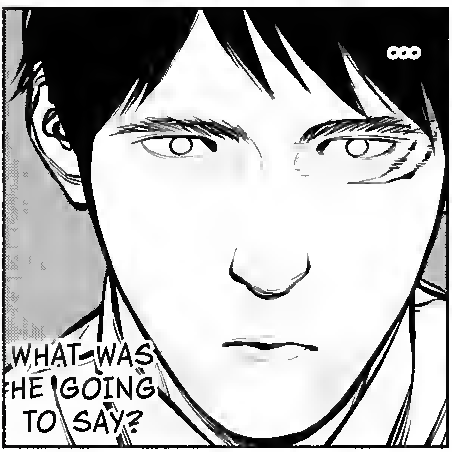
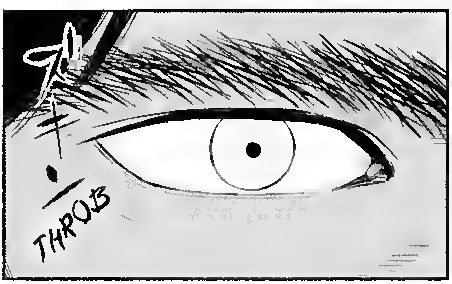

...
WHAT WAS HE GOING TO SAY?

BACK THEN...
THAT GUY...

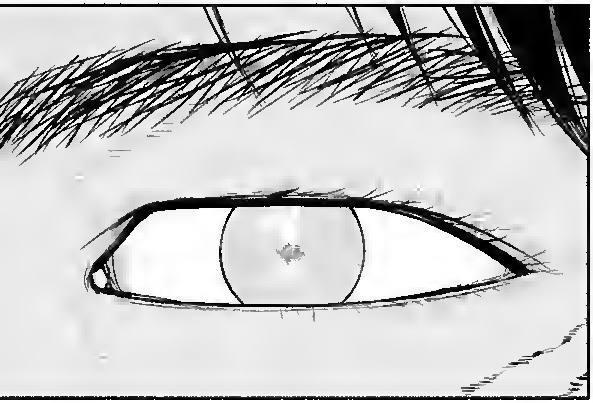

THROB

There are three endings here.
I'll do anything but that! I don't care if you kill me...
So just leave Haruka and Shouta out of this! Please...!
I'm begging you... it's impossible! I just can't...
First ending is you kill your wife and you and your son survive.
...
Second ending. You wait for me to let my guard down. You reach the gun by your feet...
...?
without a moment to spare and you shoot me dead. That's the one you're picturing in your head now. The ending where you save your whole family.

CLICK
Now.
As for
the final
ending...
BANG

Haruka!
SLUMP
STOP! OH GOD, STOP IT!
Moom-mmyy!
YANK
THE FINAL ENDING...
BANG
STOOOOOP!

YOUR WHOLE FAMILY LIVES HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN HEAVEN...



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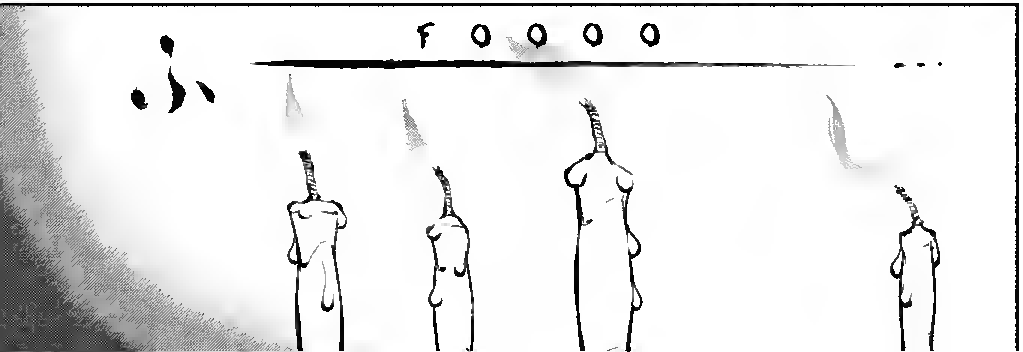

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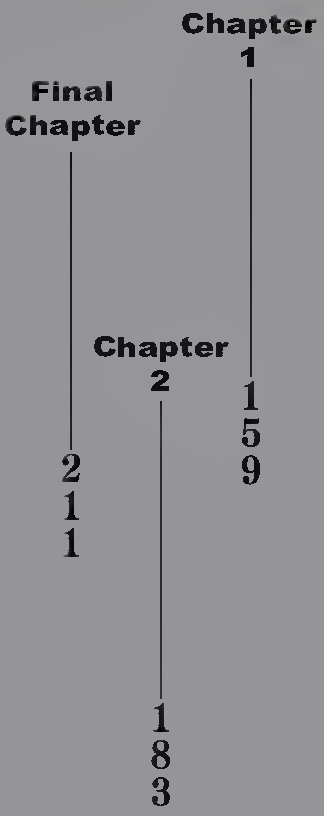

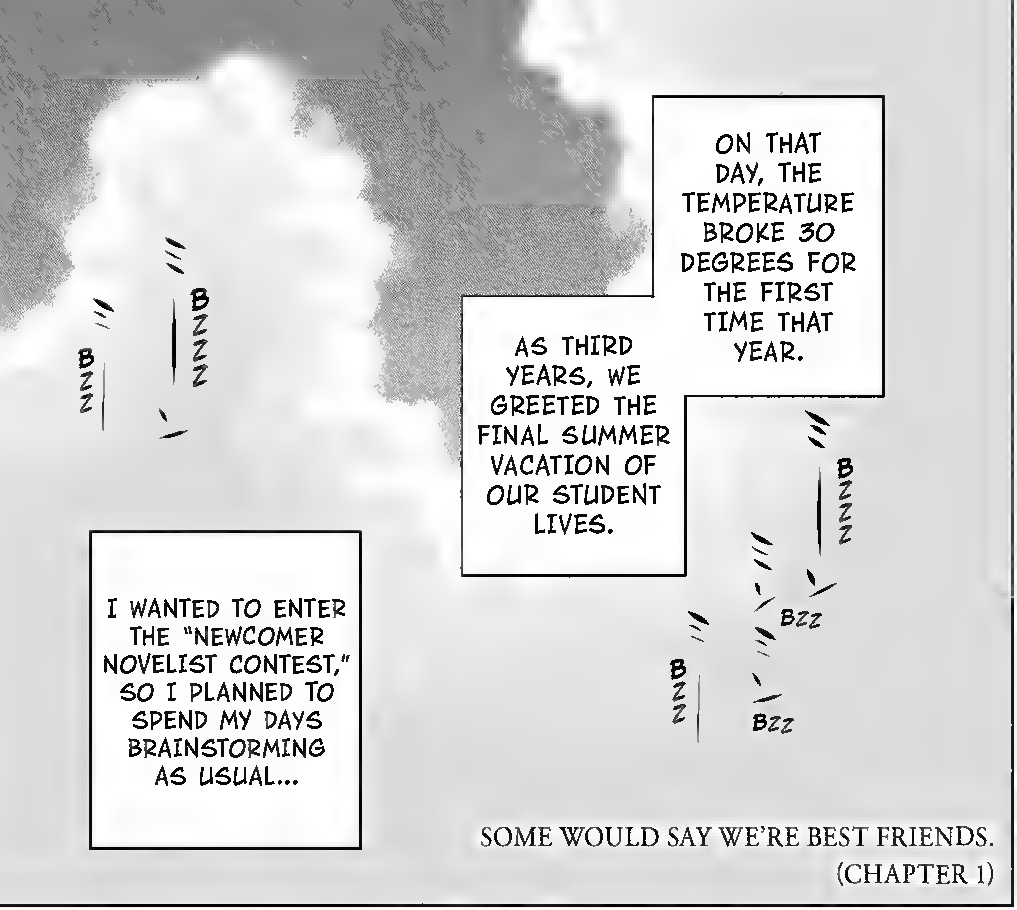
BZZ
BZZZ
I WANTED TO ENTER THE "NEWCOMER NOVELIST CONTEST," SO I PLANNED TO SPEND MY DAYS BRAINSTORMING AS USUAL...
AS THIRD YEARS, WE GREETED THE FINAL SUMMER VACATION OF OUR STUDENT LIVES.
ON THAT DAY, THE TEMPERATURE BROKE 30 DEGREES FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT YEAR.
BZZZ
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BZZ
SOME WOULD SAY WE'RE BEST FRIENDS.
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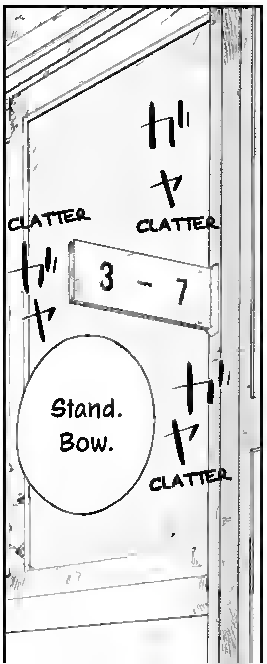
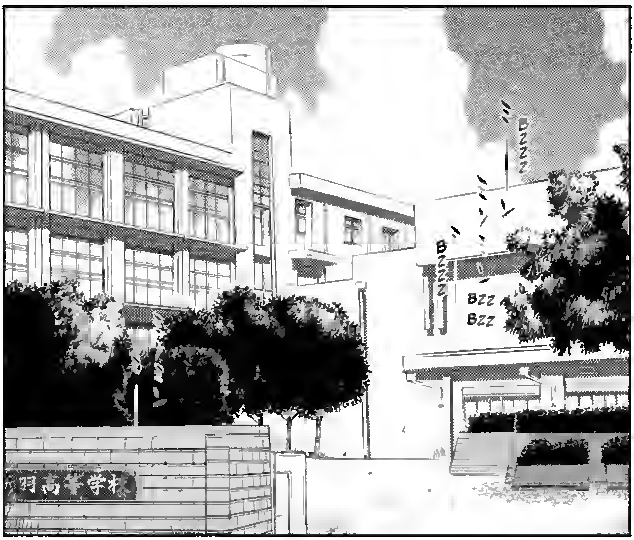

CLATTER
CLATTER
3 - 7
Stand.
Bow.
CLATTER

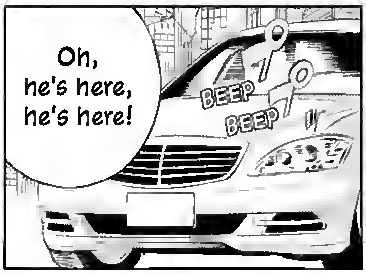

BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZ
BZZ

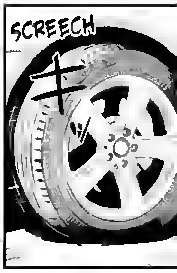
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
Let's stop on the way home!
I'm telling you to look!
Have you seen my phone?
I heard it's gonna hit 36 degrees today.
Woohoo, it's summer, man! Summer!
CHATTER
CHATTER
It's so freaking hot.
Hey, hey! Check it out, Nonaka!
Sooooorry, I can't! I got work today.
CHATTER
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
Man, are you even listening?
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
Nonaka!

...
Oh... A license.
"Oh, a license" he says.
ニヤ GRIN
ニヤ GRIN
Forget that! Take a look at this, check it out!
Dude, you writing again?
SLIDE
Geez... Well, whatever.
Anyway, I already invited Jin-kun.
What kinda reaction is *that*, man?
How many guys do you know who have this sorta thing at our age?
PAT
Uh... sure.
You're free after this, right?
Then it's settled! Wait for us in front of the station! We're gonna hit the road far and wide!
Let's go! Let's go!
NUDGE
Nonaka, did you hear?! We're goin' for a drive!

ずっとずっと幸せに。
Kota&Yumi Nao&Momoko
TenWave
Get this though. That's not the same car I've seen at Sei-chan's house. What gives?
I guess.
Something about having a car feels really grown-up!

BZZ
BZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ


Oh, he's here, he's here!
BEEP
BEEP


SCREECH

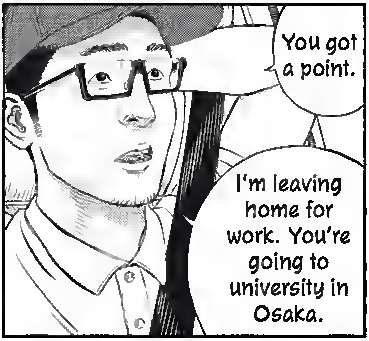
WE WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL FROM ELEMENTARY ALL THE WAY TO HIGH SCHOOL. IN EVERY MEMORY I HAVE, SEI-CHAN AND JIN-KUN ARE THERE.
Woah!
They bought it for you?!
OUR PARENTS WERE ALL FRIENDS BEFORE WE WERE BORN, SO THE THREE OF US GREW UP TOGETHER.

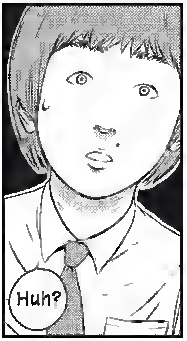
AND YET THESE TWO STILL HANG OUT WITH A GUY LIKE ME EVEN NOW.
Man, I am so freakin jealous!
He he he.

Yeah, to celebrate passing my driving test.
I'M GLOOMY, SHY, AND UN-SOCIABLE, SO MY CLASSMATES HAVE NEVER APPROACHED ME...

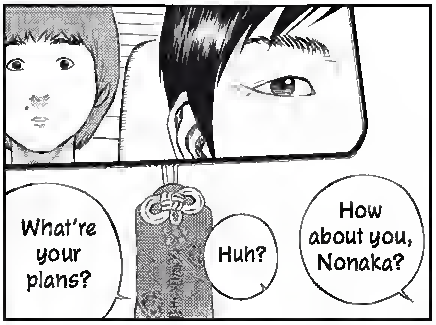
...
We're all... going separate ways.

Damn, guys. This year might be the last time all three of us can hang out.

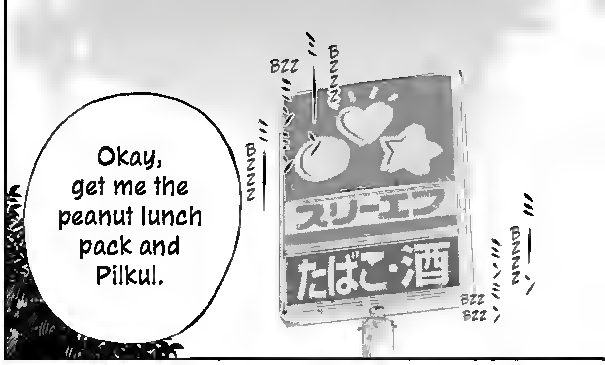

You got a point.
I'm leaving home for work. You're going to university in Osaka.


Huh?

I'm still thinking about it
What's up with that?
I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO SAY MY DREAM WAS TO BE A NOVELIST

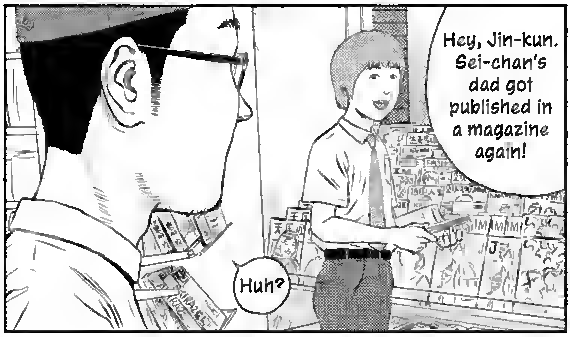

What're your plans?
Huh?
How about you, Nonaka?

Oh. Uh well, I...
I haven't really...



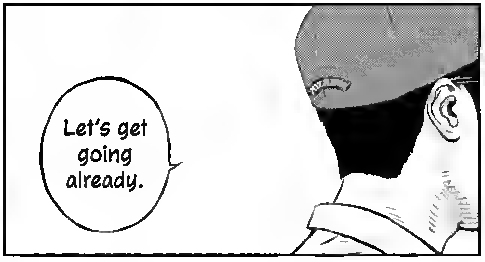
*Three-F Tobacco & Liquor

He says, "Through the eyes of the doctors, I take a scalpel to insurance premiums and service in the future of the healthcare industry."
See, look!



Oh, sure.
...
Thank you very much.

Uh, okay?
Means nothing to me, man.


Let's get going already.

Oh yeah, they were out. Gotcha tuna instead!

Huh? Where are my peanuts?

コンビニエンス
たばこ
P

Nonaka, you can have it.
Thanks.
Sorry, Sei-chan.

Huuuh?! Quit screwin' around!
Normally you'd pick something else sweet, right? Fuck tuna!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT TWO HOURS OR SO.
OUR CAR WENT UP A CERTAIN MOUNTAIN ROAD.
BZZ BZZ
BNNN
BNNN
Chappa King!
Chi... chichi-chi...
Ha ha ha!
Chappa ...!
You're a riot, man! That reference is so old!
DURRR
HAW H!
Chi...chi... chichichi... Chii Takeo!
O... Otoha!
Hagimoto Kinichi.
Seems like we've gone pretty far.
Chi-
Chi?! Not again! We already said Chiba, right?
CHITTER
VRR
Huh?
No, you haven't.
Oh? Didn't we tell you, Nonaka?
Did you have some destination in mind?

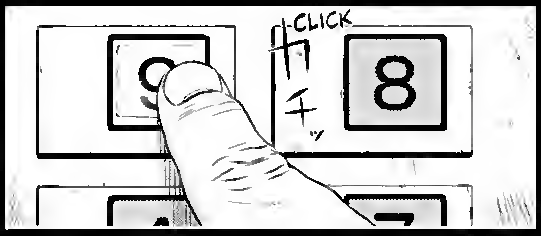
So Jin-kun and I had this idea. Why don't we go search Hanging Mountain for his body?
I see...
They did it in that one movie on TV yesterday! "Stand By Me!" I've been itching to try it since I saw that!
We're going to *Hanging Mountain*.
That's the one! Remember back in spring, the principal left behind a suicide note and disappeared?! The day before, he was spotted heading in this direction!
Ha... Hanging Mountain ?!
The infamous *suicide* spot?!
THOUGH I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPRUDENT, BUT MADE NO OBJECTION. I WAS JUST SO HAPPY THE THREE OF US WERE TOGETHER.
LOLLIPOP LOLLIPOP...
LOLLIPOP? LOLLIPOP? OH LOLLI~ LOLLI LOLLIPOP!
S-sure ...
Sweet idea, am I right?!
When you put like that, it does sound exciting.
BUM
BUM
BUH-BUM
POP

Apparently he was pretty drunk at this point. By the time he arrived at his apartment complex it must have been about 2 AM.
SHAWA
SHAWA
SHAWA
CHITTER
Okay, so.
CLICK
カチ
ガコ
KA-CHAK
So of course he pressed the "Open" button...
Now, his apartment was on the fifth floor. He got on the elevator, and just as the door was about to close, he noticed a person there.
Um...
What floor?
But the woman ignored him.
When he asked that...
When you see someone who lives in the same complex, normally you greet them, right?
Good evening...

This lady was seriously creepin' him out, see... She stood facing the wall the whole time. What's more, when he looked closely, she was barefoot. And her clothes and hair were a mess. Rather than being concerned, he started to get a little scared...
VRRM

Uh, sure.
Just the one word, whispered in a frail voice.

9th...


CLICK
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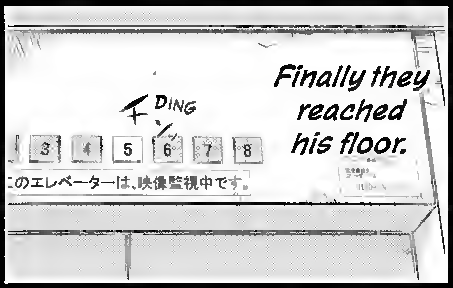
But he suddenly remembered...


DING
3
4
5
6
7
8
このエレベーターは、映像監視中です。
Finally they reached his floor.

He practically sprinted off the elevator.
DASH

CHACK

He found this out the next day. In the middle of the night, a high school girl in the same complex, who suffered from bullying, had killed herself in the bathtub.
This complex only has eight floors...!
I wonder where that apartment is...
Well, I guess you could say that? I just read it on the internet, man.
オ
VRRR
You mean the non-existent 9th floor was actually the afterlife?!
VROOM
ガ
オ
Holy shit!

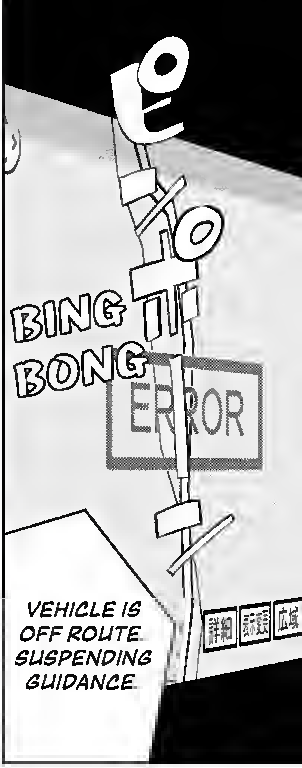
Don't you think there could be a grain of truth in there?
Yeah, but... a lot of ghost stories and urban legends stem from actual events.
Oh reeeally?!
Where it is...? It's just a story, dude.
Oh?
What's this? Are you scared, Nakano?
Listen... Take the Hanging Mountain for instance. They say if you go up there to fool around, you never come down again.
Oh... well no. It's not like that...

CHITTER
Y-yeah!
Let's go have some fun!
Once we're adults, we're gonna be so busy we can't stand it. Using the time we have now is way more important.
Always ...!
I'll always be with you guys!
CHITTER
You got it.
Well, I'm gonna say something kinda sappy, cause I don't know if I'll have another chance. I'm really, seriously glad I met you guys, y'know?
Next year we may all be in different places, but let's try to stay connected if only in spirit.

*Life is a precious gift from your parents
Take a quiet moment to think about your family
Ah!
*Don't suffer alone. Please talk to someone first.
It's true! I just saw a sign that was all "don't kill yourself!"
Hey!
So according to the GPS, Hanging Mountain is the one coming up!
For real?!
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZZ
Since it's summer, maybe it'll be all rotten and crawling with maggots.
Woah-hooo! Like something outta Resident Evil!
That's genius!
If we find a dead body we should totally take a selfie to prove it!
Man, I am so pumped all of a sudden!
W-won't that bring us bad luck...?

Could it be the work of a ghost?!
Ha ha ha! Yeah right.

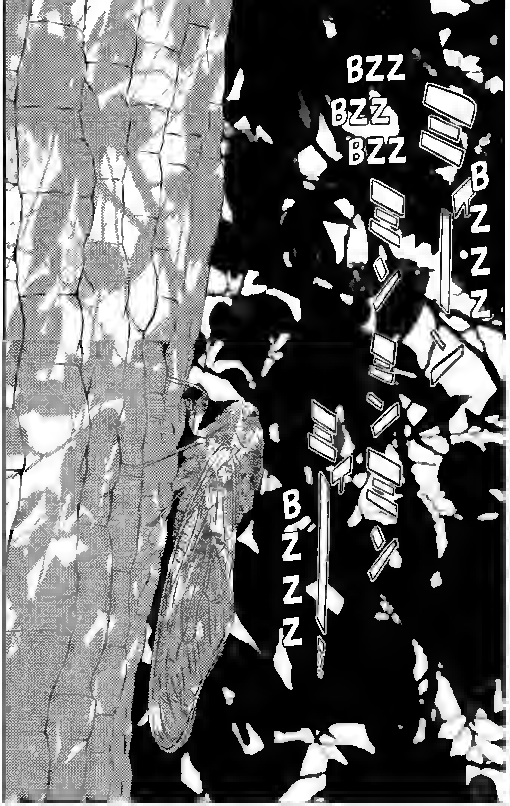
What the hell?
...
It's just a straight line. How could I be off route?


BING
BONG
ERROR
VEHICLE IS OFF ROUTE SUSPENDING GUIDANCE
詳細
設定
広域

Anyway... the GPS isn't responding at all.
Shit, who made this thing?
TAP
TAP
TAP

Isn't this brand new? What a useless piece of crap.
There's a per—
HEY! IN FRONT OF YOU!

Huh?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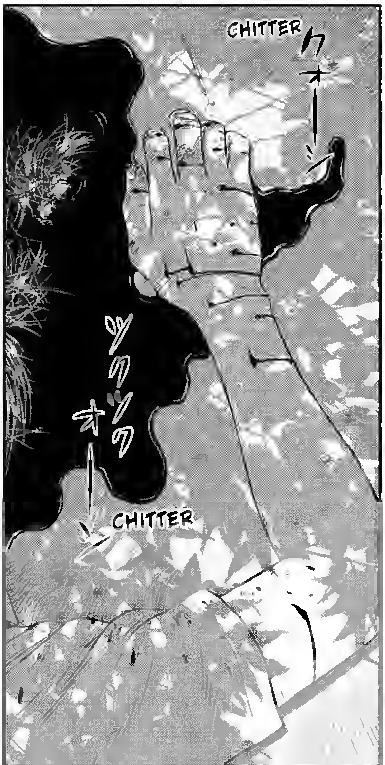
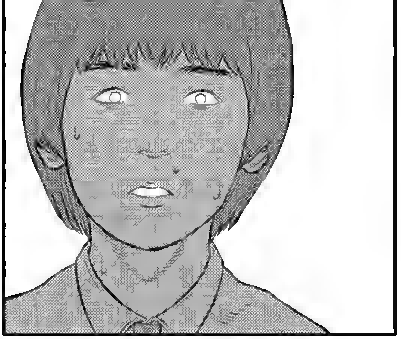
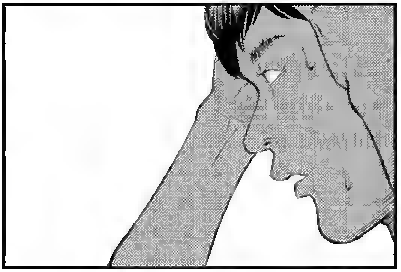
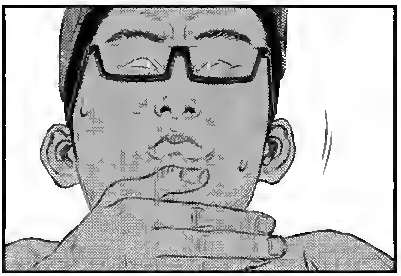

CHITTER
CHITTER

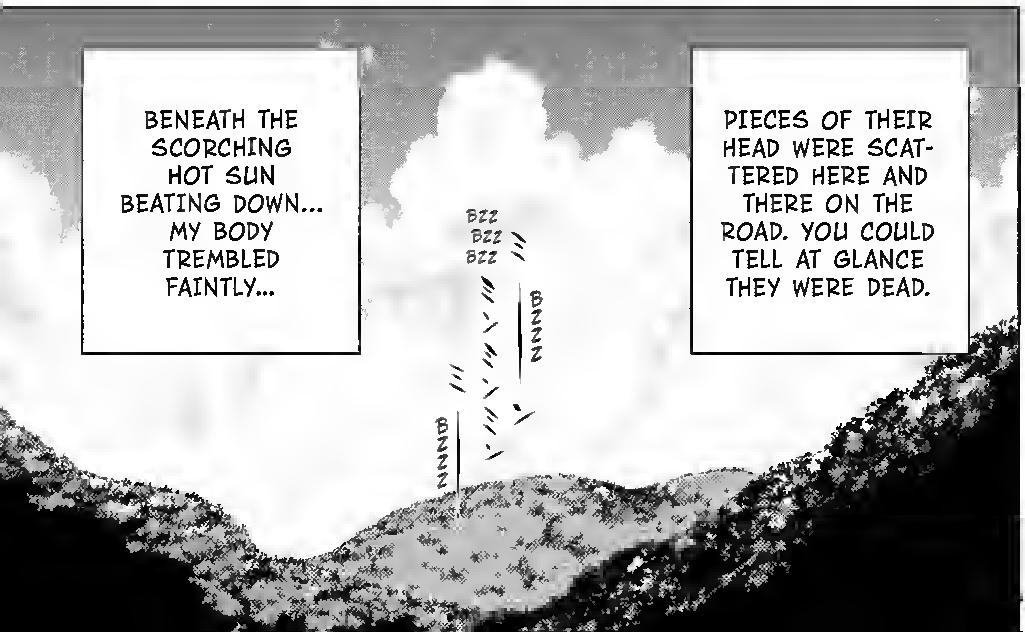
CHITTER

THE CAR WE WERE DRIVING HIT A PERSON.
BLEURG
AHHH







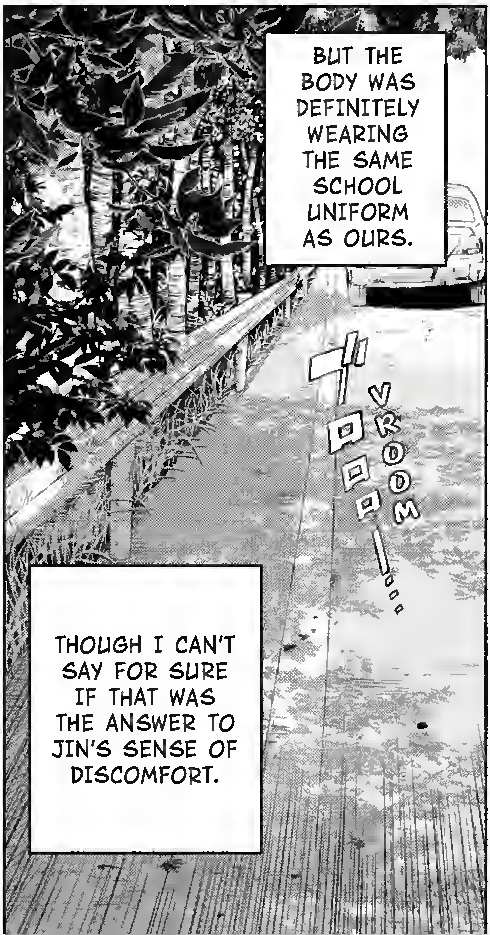

BENEATH THE SCORCHING HOT SUN BEATING DOWN... MY BODY TREMBLED FAINTLY...
BZZ BZZ BZZ
BZZZZ
BZZZZ
PIECES OF THEIR HEAD WERE SCATTERED HERE AND THERE ON THE ROAD. YOU COULD TELL AT GLANCE THEY WERE DEAD.

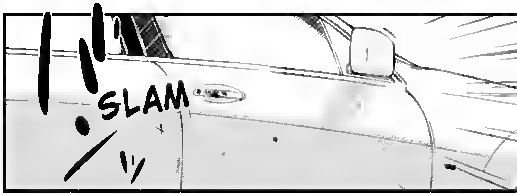
*BIG SEAT
I don't give a fuck!
Didn't I just tell you to go keep a lookout for cars?!
This is real bad, man! Real—
E-even if we bury it, the truth will come out!
We can't do that, Sei-chan!
CHIRP
I told you to wash the blood off the road! Move your ass!
Oh.
And you, Nonaka! Quit spacing out and lend me a hand!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHITTER
VOOM
I can't fucking believe this! Why is this happening to me? I have the worst luck!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Ah. I...
Okay.

Hey...
TAP
TAP
TAP
SLIP
...
GRAB
urk
!
CLACK
SLAP
Stop it, you idiot!
!
H-hey ...
Cut it out, don't fight.
That ain't happening! You hear me, Jin-kun?! Who the fuck were you planning on calling?!

I can't fucking believe this guy...! Just now, you were...you were gonna report me, weren't you...?!
THUD
ouch!
Say something! You bastard!
HI SHOVE
Don't act so selfishly!
You're seriously unbelievable!
S-Sei-chan, calm down! We have to go straight to the police in this kind of—
This isn't a joke.
Don't fuck with me, dammit.
#UFF
#UFF
DZZZ
DZZZ
I'm only 18! Don't pull a person's life out from under them!
GRAB

CHITTER
Still...
I'm just saying, if we keep quiet about this, that makes us conspirators!
CHIT
...
I...I'm not even joking, man...
I know what I said. And I don't actually believe in ghosts and shit!
But when you saw the body, didn't something about it feel out of place?
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
And there's that corpse! There's something... really strange about it!
Do you think maybe it's—
H-hey, Jin-kun.
I don't know what I'm trying to say, but there is definitely something weird about it! It's fucking creepy!


BUT THE BODY WAS DEFINITELY WEARING THE SAME SCHOOL UNIFORM AS OURS.
ブロロロ…
VROOM
THOUGH I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE IF THAT WAS THE ANSWER TO JIN'S SENSE OF DISCOMFORT.



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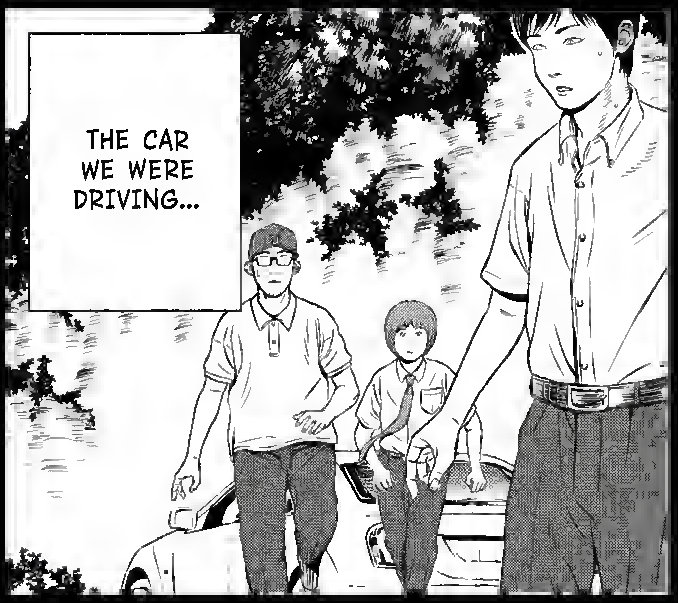
We're going to Hanging Mountain.
Let's go find a dead body!
Won't that bring us bad luck?
ON THAT DAY, THE TEMPERATURE BROKE 30 DEGREES FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT YEAR.
BZZ BZZ
BZZZZ

BENEATH THE SCORCHING HOT SUN BEATING DOWN...
HEY! IN FRONT OF YOU!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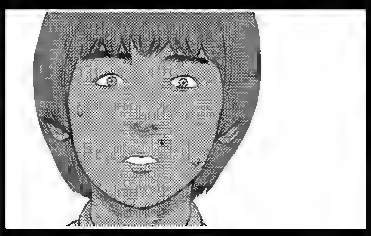

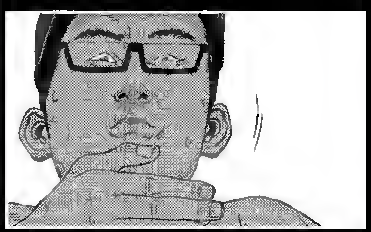

ソクソクオーン
CHITTER
ソクソクオーン
CHITTER
シャワシャワ
シャワシャワ

THIS MUST BE THE HANGING MOUNTAIN.

WE PLUNGED FORWARD ON THE UNPAVED PATH.

WHEEZE
ゼー
WHEEZE
ゼー
WHEEZE
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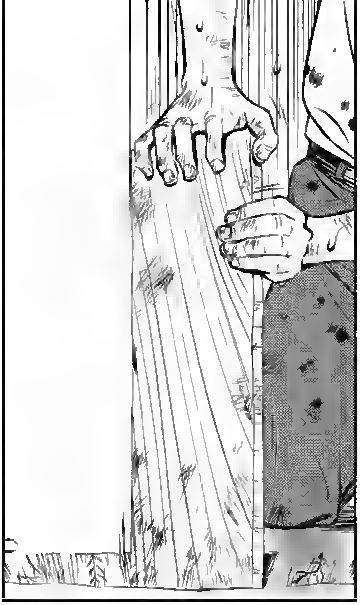
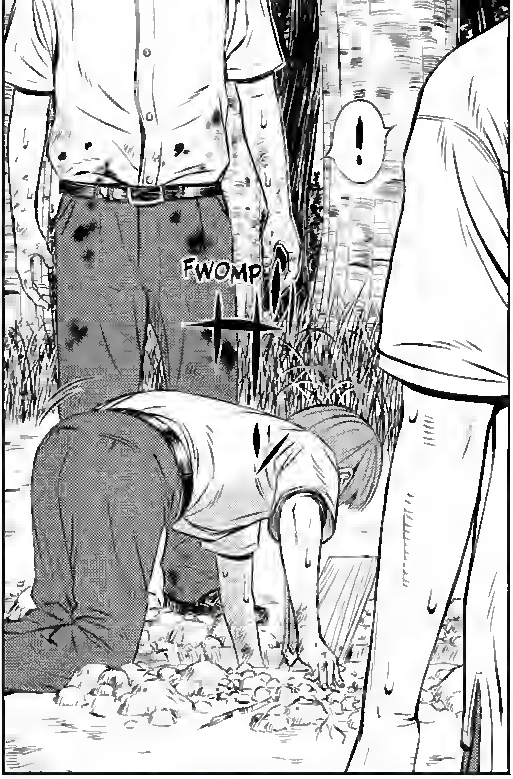


I HELPED DIG A HOLE TO BURY THE BODY...
JUST SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE SEI-CHAN AT HIS WIT'S END.

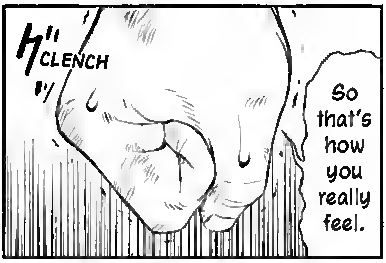
At least Nonaka is cooperative.
チラ…
GLANCE
…

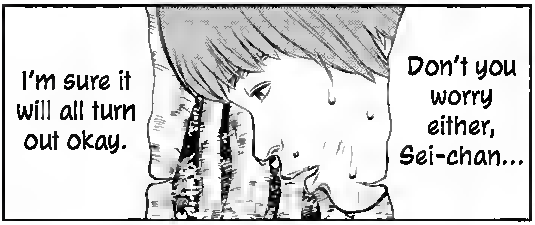
…
Best friends?
S-stop it, Seichan... you shouldn't say those things.
But—
Not that I'm gonna force you or anything... but your best friend is in trouble right in front of you. It's only natural to want a lend a hand, right?
Your attitude makes me to sad...
BZZ BZZ
BZZZZ
BZZZZ

What kind of guy drags his best friends into a situation like this?! Give me fucking break!
Huh ?
STAND
...
Quit being so damn selfish!
A person *died* here!
Can't you see Nakano is forcing himself to help you out?!
You're making a whole lot of trouble for us!
We need to go to the police right now!


!
FWOMP!

...
You ...


CLENCH
So that's how you really feel.

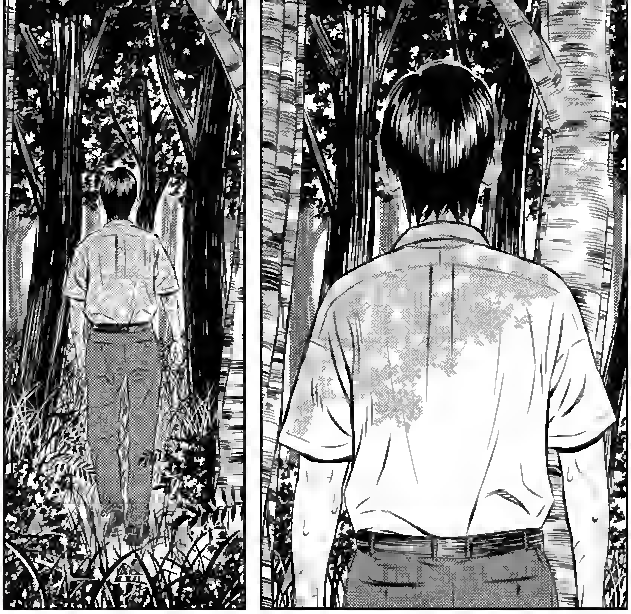

I'm sure it will all turn out okay.
Don't you worry either, Sei-chan...

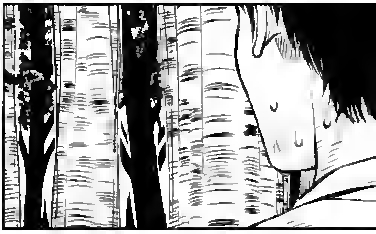
I-it's okay, Jin-kun...I'm not forcing myself... It's not like that at all.

I think there will come a day when everything that happened here will seem just like a dream. Yeah...
Nobody saw what happened. We just need to take some time to calm down. Before we know it years will pass by.
I—I just know... it'll be okay.

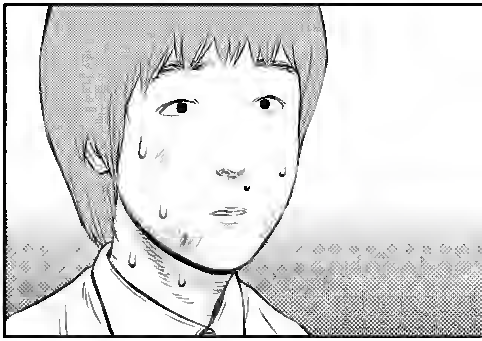
You two are messed up!
Where's your head, man? I telling you, this kind of shit gets exposed sooner or later!
Nakano, what the hell are you saying?
Huh?
...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Shit.
I'm just takin' a piss! Do I need your permission for every little thing?!
Hey! Where do you think you're going?!
...

I'm... worried about the car. I'll go check on it.
Sorry... I'm gonna take a break.
Nonaka ...
Sure.
Oh. Hey, Sei-chan.
You think...
the three of us will go back to normal right?
...

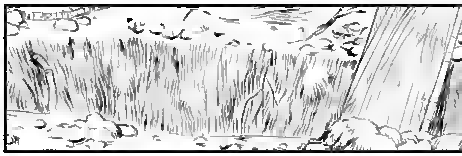




WHAT SHOULD I DO?



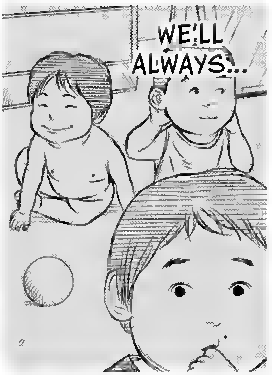
IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS, WE'LL ALL FALL APART.
GOTTA THINK... I'M THE ONLY ONE. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIX THIS...



I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING... SOMETHING TO GET THE THREE OF US BACK TOGETHER.

ALWAYS...

ALWAYS...

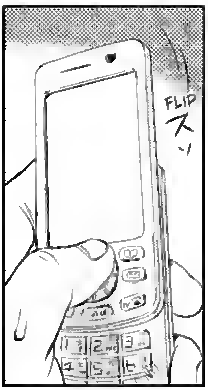

WE'LL ALWAYS...

ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, FOREVER...

CHITTER
CHITTER

Shit.
What's with this thing?
What're you doing?

FLIP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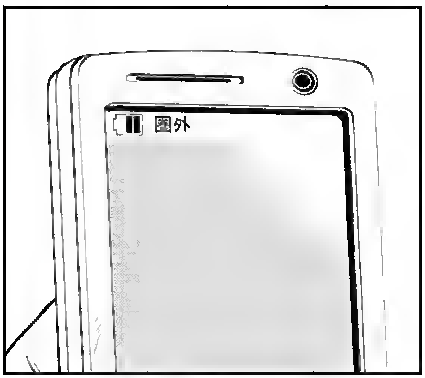

圏外

Woah!
HIDE
What the hell, man? You scared me!
JOLT
RUSTLE

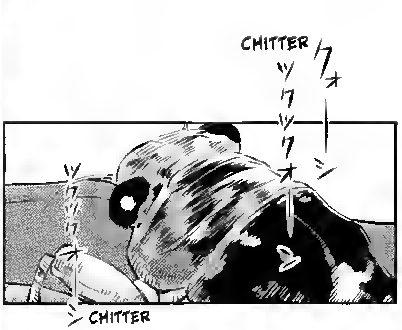
the meaning of this?
What's ...
Wh-
What do I care what you say?
Excuse me?
I told you to stop that.
Oh.
Well...
What ...?!
You've always lacked common sense. You're so spoiled that you don't know a thing about the real world! That's why you always act like an idiot!

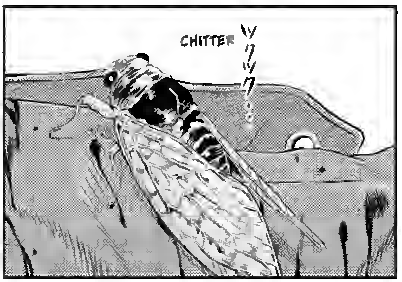
This whole thing was your fault in the first place! All that bullshit about looking for dead bodies! That's how—
Don't!
Don't try and put the blame on me!
How am I lacking common sense?!
When have I ever been spoiled? Tell me!
BZZ BZZ
CHITTER
You haven't got a single redeeming feature! You were just born into a rich family! You just coast along, always always getting carried away with yourself!
I never could stomach that high-and-mighty attitude of yours for as long as I can remember!
You fucking—!

I'll be blunt. Whatever happens to you after this...
I couldn't *give a fuck*!
But I only hang out with you 'cause it's better than wasting time at home!
Ugh!
I've *never* thought of you as my best friend! *Ever!*
Don't get the wrong idea!
Sure, you always pay for food and arcades when we go out.
CHITTER
CHITTER
CHITTER
Just keep that in mind, you fucking murderer!

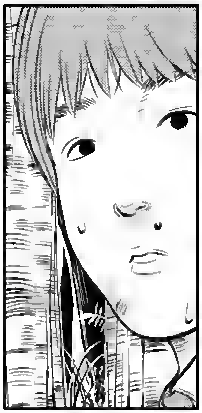
You fucked up man...!
Bzz Bzz
Bzz Bzz Bzz
God-dam-mit.
B Z Z Z
BZZ
BZZ
B Z Z Z

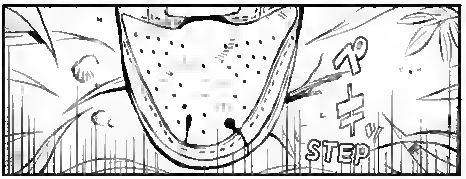
KAW
KAW
KAW
KAW
BZZZZZ
BZZ BZZ BZZ
BZZZZZ


CHITTER
CHITTER

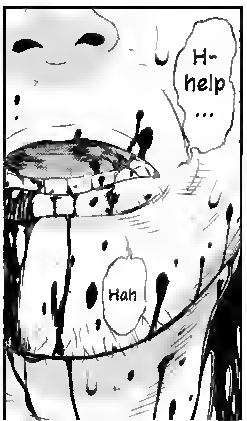

CHITTER

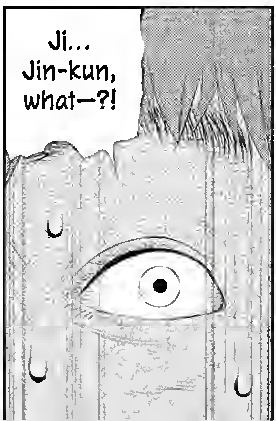
Naka... no...
SPLURT
SPLURT




STEP

Hah.
...
TUMP


H-help ...
Hah


Ji... Jin-kun, what—?!

Na ...
FWUMP
SHAKE
SHAKE
Jin-kun, come on...!
Jin-kun!
Oh my God!
Hey, Jin-kun!
Jin-kun ...!

!

H-his neck is gushing blood! H-h-h- he's not breathing! Hurry—
I did it.
Sei-chan! What do we do?! Jin-kun is—
It was me.

I...
stabbed him.
Ambu-lance...
Huh?
That's why.
Wait— Aah!
Woah!
The fuck're you doing! Let go!
The bastard... telling us he was taking a piss, when really he was trying to get a signal on his phone.
Shit!

Don't cry
uwaa-agh ...!
Jin-kun...
uhuuu ...
Waa-ahh!
Jin... guuun ...
DRIP
DRIP
Let's dig another hole and get out of these woods.
Waah! Jin-kun is...
KAW
KAW
KAW
KAW
He's... already dead
uwaaagh ...!
...

If I hadn't done it, he would've turned us both in!
STOMP
He knew we were freaking out! But that backstabbing bastard only cared about getting himself out okay!
CLENCH
Why are you crying?!
I'm doing this for you too, you know!
Why the hell are you crying?!
Fuck! Fuuu- uck!
Don't give me that shit!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
He had no problem using us during the fun times!
But when shit goes down, he's the first to bail!

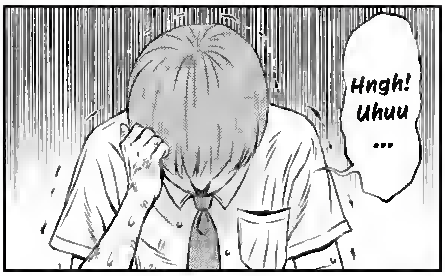
He got what was coming to him!

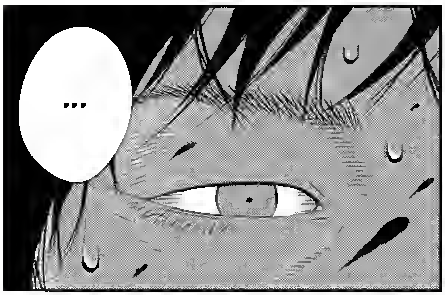
HUFF
HUFF

The bastard strung us along all this time, pretending to be our friend!

HUFF
HUFF
That's why I keep telling you not to cry over him!

uhuuu ...


Hngh! Uhuu ...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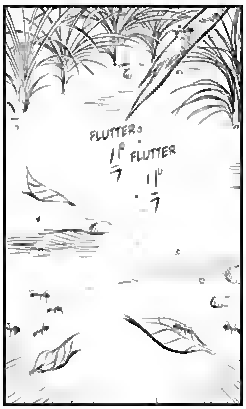
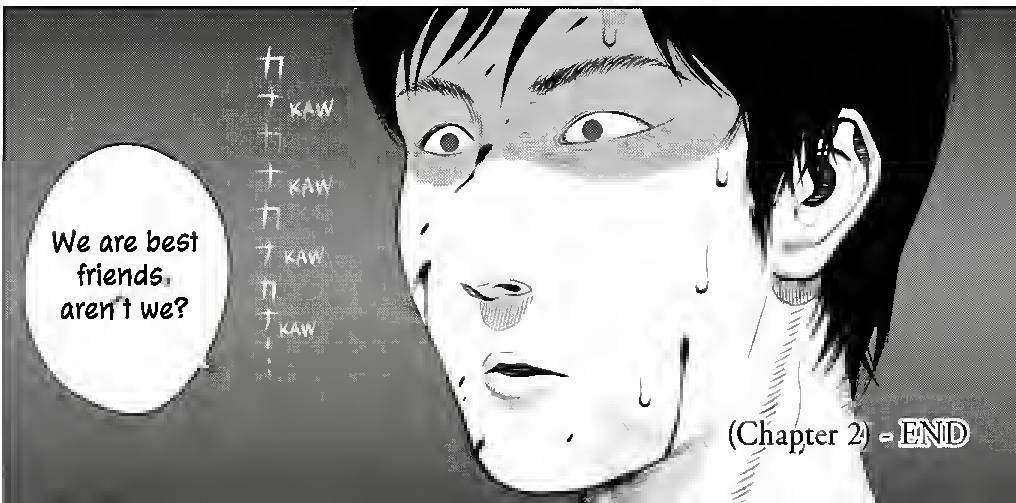
You're on my side...

FLIP

You're with me, right?


FLUTTER
FLUTTER

Here. You stab him too, Nonaka.
Stick it in Jin-kun's neck.
Huh ?
That way, we both killed him.


カ+カ KAW
カ+カ KAW
カ+カ KAW
カ+カ KAW
We are best friends, aren't we?
(Chapter 2) - END

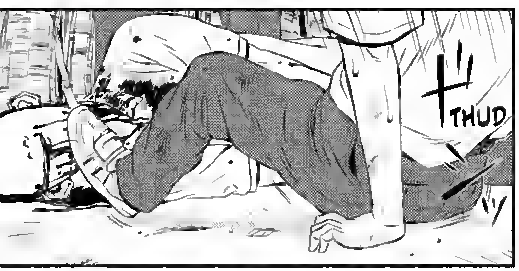
SOME WOULD SAY WE'RE BEST FRIENDS. (FINAL CHAPTER)
KAW KAW KAW KAW KAW...
Here. You stab him too, Nonaka. Stick it in Jin-kun's neck.
Huh?
We-...
Are best friends, aren't we?
That way we both killed him.
BZZ BZZ BZZ
BZZZZ
CHIRP CHIRP

What you do mean by "but", Nonaka?
You have to stab him.
Um...
But...
CHITTER
CHITTER

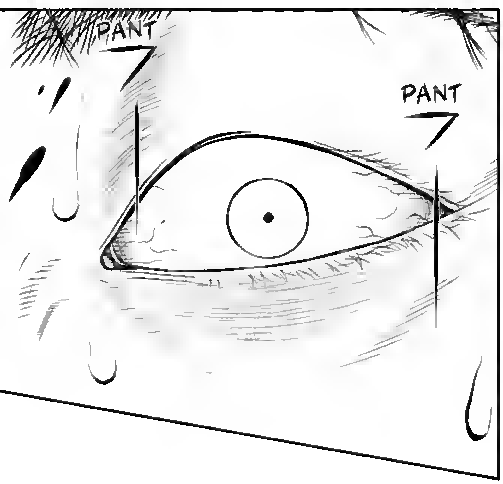
I can't ...!
I-I can't do it...

Why should I be the only one on the spot? That's not right.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Hurry up and do it.

STAB HIM!


THUD

FLINCH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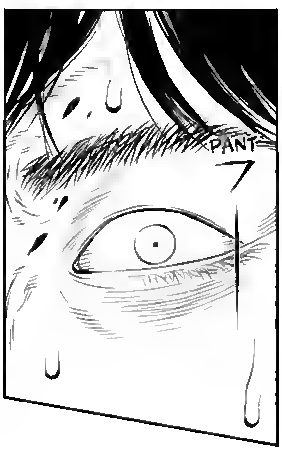
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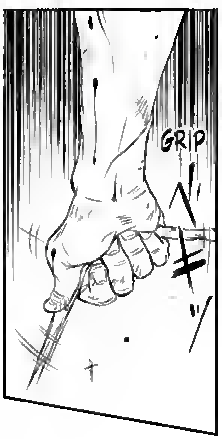
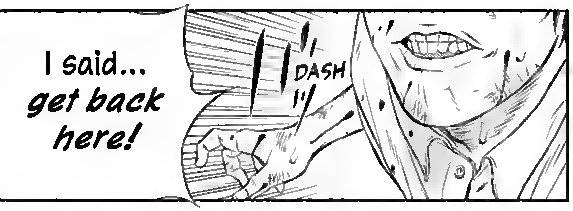

GRIP

ドッ
THUMP
ドックン
THUMP
ドックン
THUMP
ドックン

!
DASH
SCURRY
uwaa-
aagh!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


I said...
get back
here!
DASH

!
TRIP

Hey,
get back
here!
RUSTLE
Stay
away
from
meee!

Ugh...
Ngh!
CRASH
FWIP!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
That hurt... asshole!

CHIT CHITTER
ツクツクオーシ
ツクツクオーシ
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TURN
DASH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
KAW
THUD
KAW
KAW
KAW
Hngh ...
HUFF?
HUFF?
GRIP
I don't... have anyone else. Those two were... everything to me, and now...
Uuuhu... How... could this have happen?
Uhuuu... And now... how could... such a...

YANK
Why do you always have to get in my fucking way?!
SMASH
What is it?!
SMASH
What the fuck is it?!
I've never thought of you as my best friend. Not even for a second.

...?!
THUD
ゴ
SHUT THE FUCK UP!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Sh-shut up!
Just shut up...
カナカナカナカナカナ

カナカナカナカナ…
KAW
KAW
KAW
KAW
Nona-ka!

Get out here!
RUSTLE

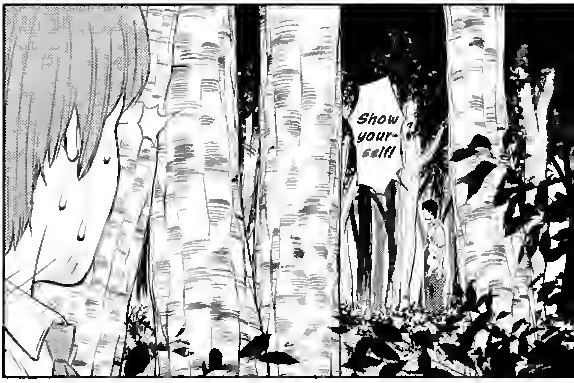
Nona-kaaa!
RUSTLE

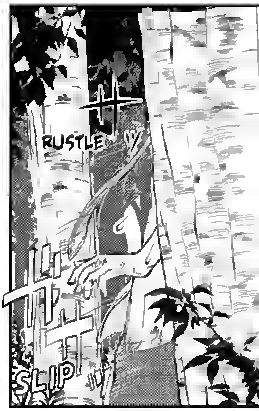
I know you're here, Nonaka!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

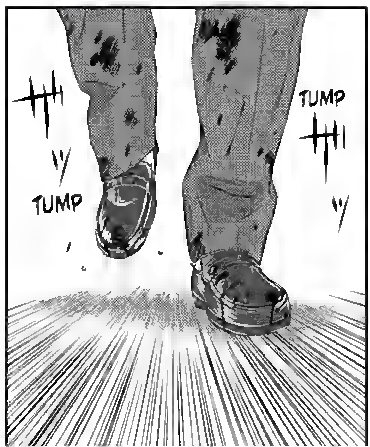
Where did that little bastard go...?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...

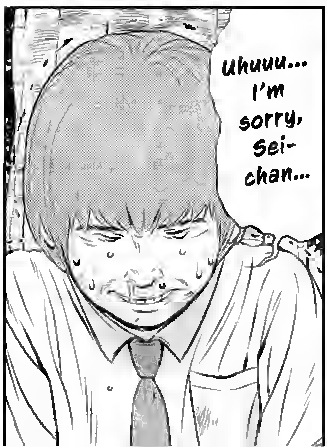
CHIT
CHITTER

Nona-ka!
KAW
KAW
KAW

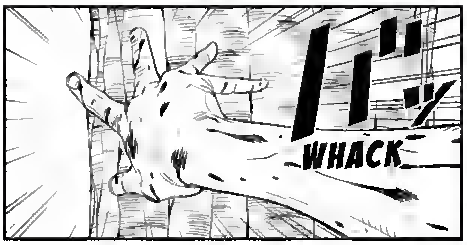

Show your-self!


RUSTLE
SLIP


TUMP
TUMP


Uhuuu... I'm sorry, Sei-chan...

CHITTER
CHITTER


バッ
WHACK

JUMP
Nonaka —!

JUMP
JUMP

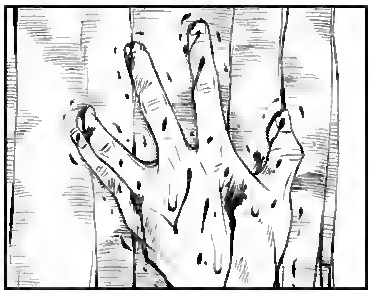
…?

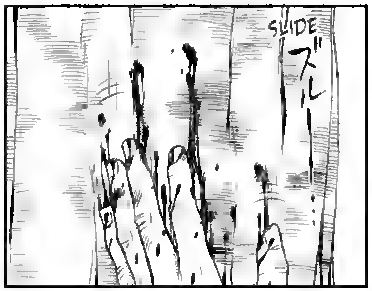
カナKAW
カナKAW
カナKAW
カナKAW
…

グシッ
SHNK

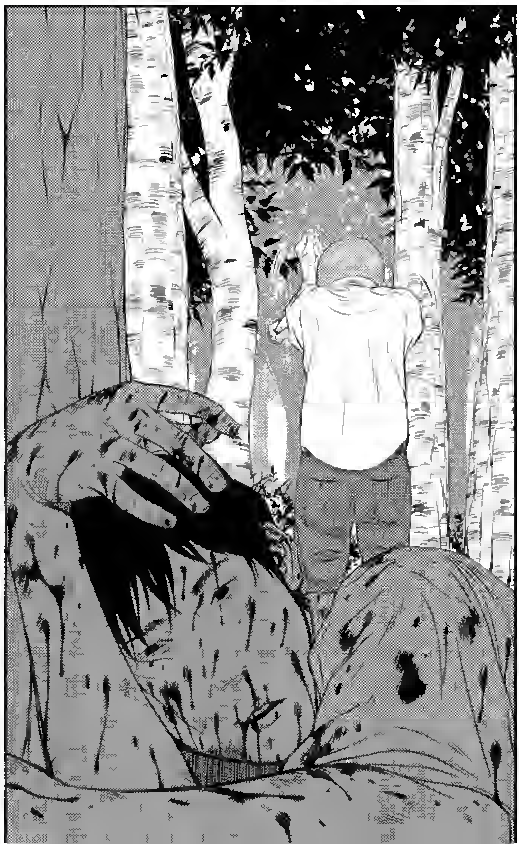
Waaah! I'm so sorry, Sei-chan!

I had no choice but to do this...
uuhnn...
Huh?
Ah!
TURN
I had no choice but to...!
Ah—
Ow!
Whu—?
What did you-?!
SPLURT
SPLURT
I just want the three of us to be together again... I just...!
Is this... my blood...?
WOBBLE

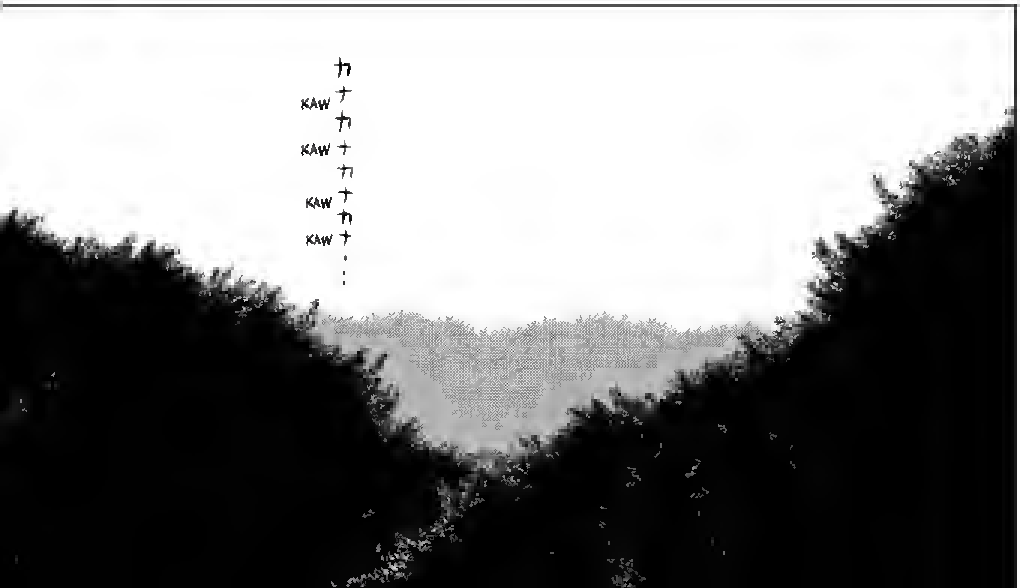



SLIDE
ズル

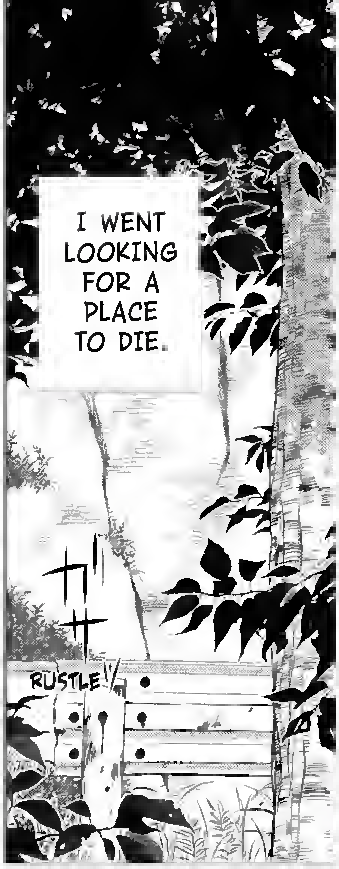
I really am sorry...
Hah.
HUFF
HUFF
Aaah ...

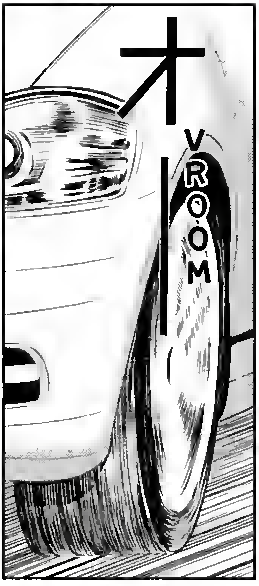


I'll join you real soon...
I...


カ
KAW ナ カ
KAW ナ カ
KAW ナ カ
KAW ナ・・・

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG I WALKED FOR...
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS FOLLOWING ALONGSIDE THE ROAD.


I WENT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DIE.
RUSTLE


VROOM

VEHICLE IS OFF ROUTE. SUSPENDING GUIDANCE.
?
What the hell?
BING BONG
ERROR
OFF
AS THOUGH I WAS DRAWN THERE...
VROOM
It's just a straight line. How could I be off route?
I THREW MYSELF AT THE CAR.

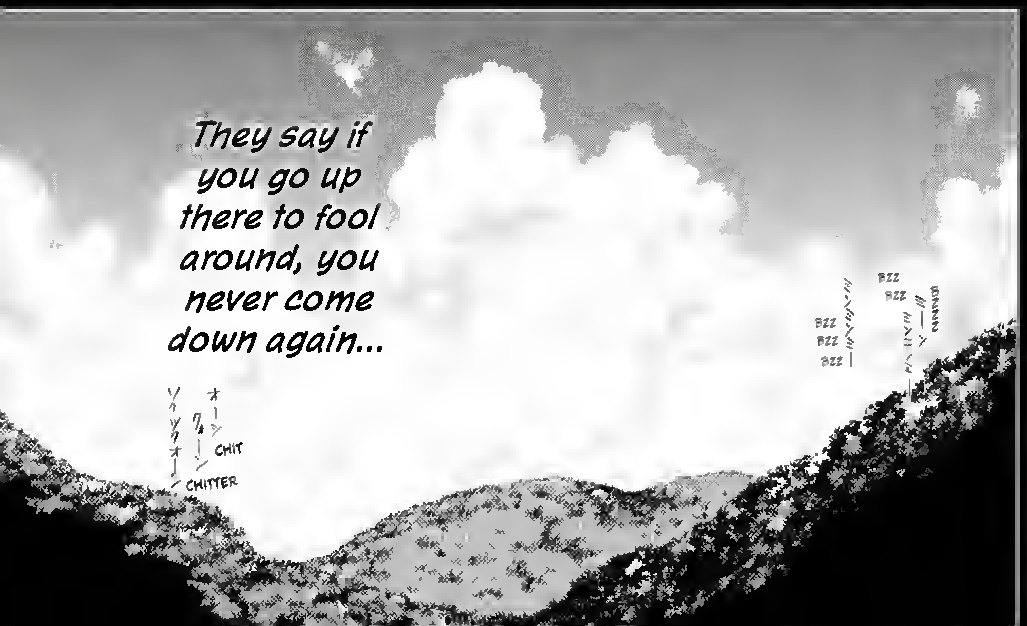
HEY! IN FRONT OF YOU!
Huh?

HEY!
IN FRONT OF YOU!
Huh?

It's just a story, dude.

Yeah, but... a lot of ghost stories and urban legends stem from actual events.

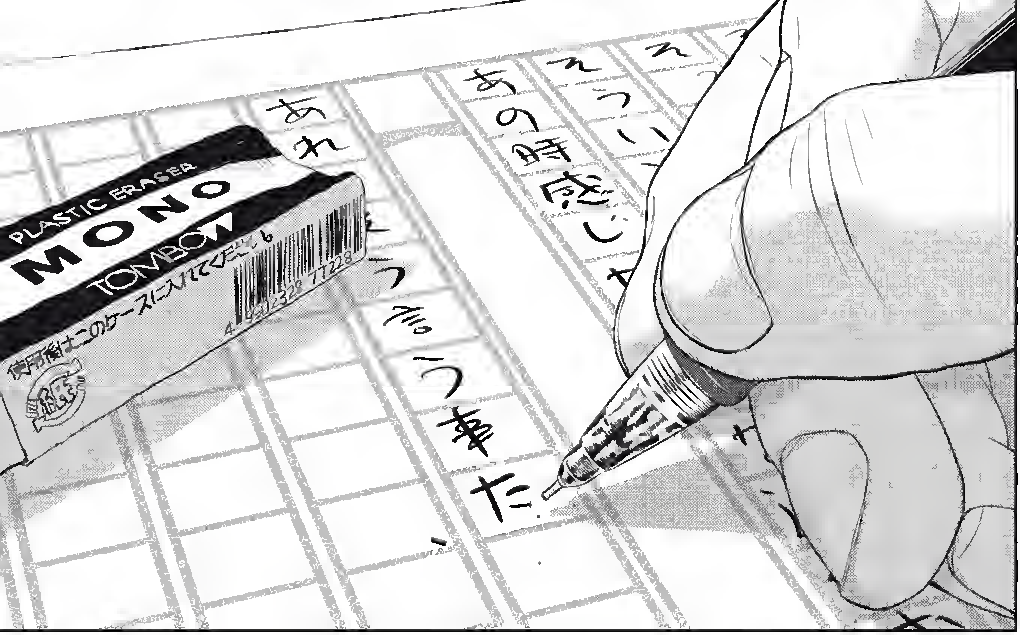
Look... Take Hanging Mountain for instance.


They say if you go up there to fool around, you never come down again...
CHIT
CHITTER
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ

SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.

THAT STRANGE SENSE OF DISCOM-FORT...

OH... I GET IT NOW...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TOMBOW
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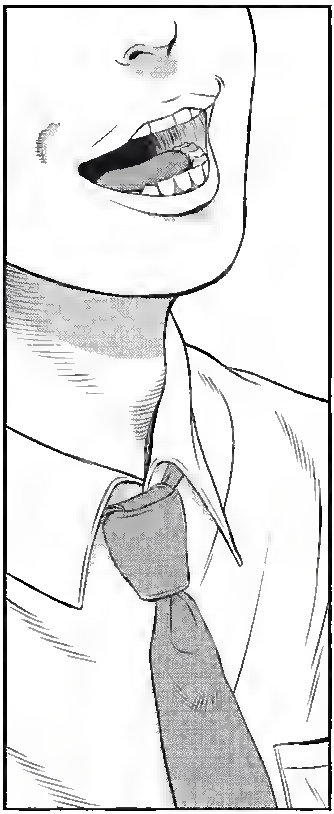
あの時だ
あれ
*So that's what it was



CHANGES FOR TRASH
SUMMER CLASSES
DAA-DUMM
DAA-DUMM
3-7
CLICK
DA-DUMM
DA-DUMM
DA-DUMM
Nonaka!
Nona-kaaa.
DA-DUMM
DA-DUMM
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
SCRITCH

That guy with the mole, was his name Nonaka?
Huh?
You're the last one, so be sure to lock up.
Uhhh... nah, that ain't it.

?!
JOLT
BDMP
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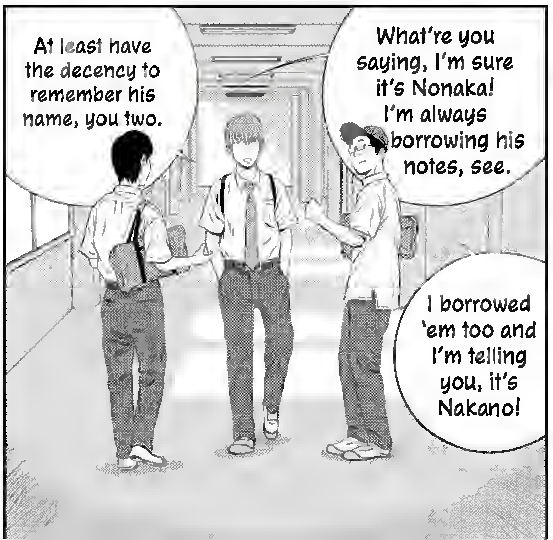
We're third years now. How can he have zero friends?
Speaking of that guy, he's always alone, you know?
Sure is... I don't think I've ever seen him interact with anyone.
That's kind of depressing.
...

Nakano? No, it's not that either.
It's Nakano!


At least have the decency to remember his name, you two.
What're you saying, I'm sure it's Nonaka! I'm always borrowing his notes, see.
I borrowed 'em too and I'm telling you, it's Nakano!

Hey! You free today?
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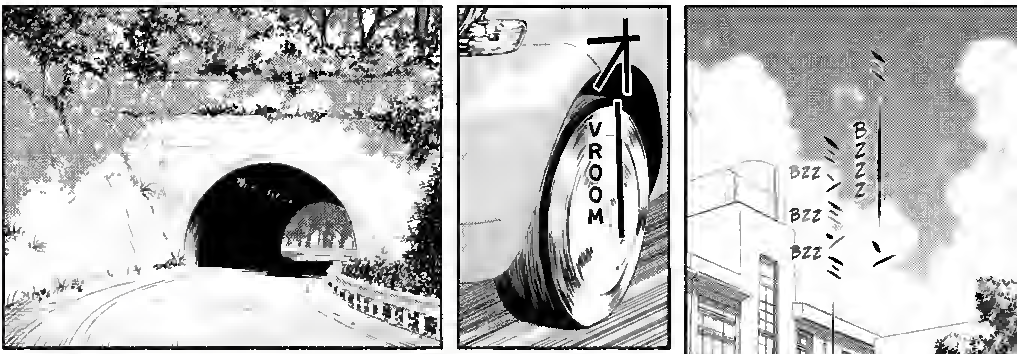
RATTLE
We're just goin' for a drive after this. Wanna join us?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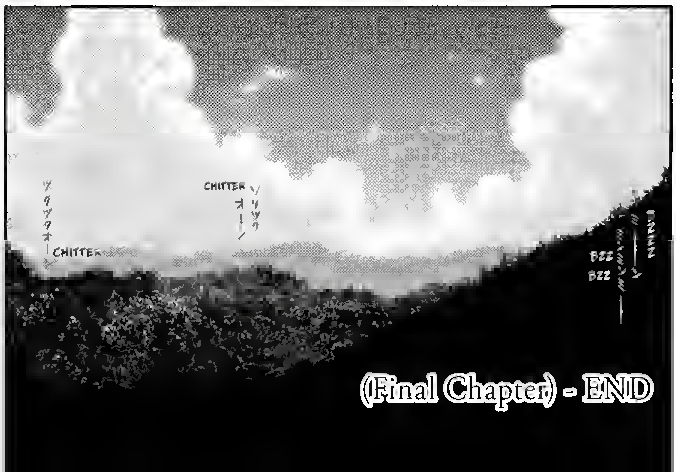
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The End.
YMKC
The serial killer is laughing in the rain.
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